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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27

AGENDA

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council

Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students

Tuesday March 10th, 2015 @ 5:30PM

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION 03/10/15:1

Moved:

Seconded:

BIRT the agenda for March 10th, 2015 Council meeting be adopted.

MOTION 03/10/15:2

Moved:

Seconded:

BIRT the minutes for February 10th, 2015 Council meeting be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Kevin Weiner
- b. VP Graduate – Dinah Jansen (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Thompson Hamilton (report attached)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Lorne Beswick (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Patrick Gajos (report attached)
- f. Executive Assistant – Andria Mahon (report attached)
- g. Speaker – Max Ma (report attached)

MOTION 03/10/15:3

Moved:

Seconded:

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

4. Senator, Trustee, Commission, Committee & Other Reports

- a. Graduate Student Senator – Eric Rapos (report attached)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod
- c. Commission Reports
 - i. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - ii. Equity Commissioner – Erica Baker (report attached)
 - iii. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner – Jhordan Layne (report attached)
 - iv. Social Commissioner – Ciara Bracken-Roche
 - v. Sustainability Coordinator – Megan MacCallum
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Bylaw & Policy Revisions Standing Committee (report attached)
- e. Other Reports
 - i. Rector – Mike Young
 - ii. Chief Returning Officer – Peter Charboneau
 - iii. Student Advisors
 - iv. Departmental Reports

MOTION

03/10/15:4

Moved:

Seconded:

BIRT the Senator, Trustee, Commission, Committee and Other Reports be accepted.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

7. Main Motions

MOTION

03/10/15:5

Moved: Thompson Hamilton (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT the SGPS Equity Commission be renamed as the Equity & Diversity Commission;
BIFRT the SGPS Equity Issues Standing Committee be renamed the Equity & Diversity Issues Standing Committee.

[Bylaw & policy amendment, first reading, 2/3 majority to pass]

MOTION

03/10/15:6

Moved: Thompson Hamilton (vpp@sgps.ca)
Seconded:

BIRT Council approve the replacement of the term Appointee of Council with the term “Commissioners and Coordinators” where it appears in the Bylaws of the SGPS;

BIFRT Council approve changes to B.9, B.13 and B.14.

[Bylaw amendment, first reading, 2/3 majority to pass, see appendix]

MOTION

03/10/15:7

Moved: Jared Houston (jared.houston@gmail.com)
Seconded:

Whereas the combination of the definition of constituent bodies as detailed in B.3.i, and the rules governing membership on SGPS council as outlined in B.5.1, are not adequate to meet the dynamic nature of SGPS member’s representative needs;

BIRT SGPS Council approve changes to B.5.1, B.5.3 and B.3.m, pertaining to the composition of Council, as seen in the appendices.

[Bylaw amendment, first reading, 2/3 majority to pass, see appendix]

MOTION

03/10/15:8

Moved: Julian Chesterman (4jpc@queensu.ca)
Seconded:

Whereas recent discussions at SGPS Council have revolved around how to determine the composition of Council;

Whereas there seems to be general consensus that the current wording of the SGPS Bylaws does not reflect the evolving nature of graduate and professional studies at Queen’s University;

Whereas the current wording of B.5.1 does not allow for representatives from collaborative/interdepartmental programs or representatives from distinct groups within large merged departments, such as biochemistry or pharmacology within the Department of Biomedical and Molecular Sciences;

Whereas the definition of “Constituent Bodies” in the SGPS Bylaws needs to be broad and encompassing, but the identity of groups entitled to a representative at SGPS Council needs to be more precisely defined;

BIRT B.3.i be changed to read as follows: “Constituent Bodies” shall mean the School of Graduate Studies, the School of Religion, the Faculty of Law, and the Faculty of Education;

BIFRT B.4.3 be added to the SGPS Bylaws as shown in the Appendix;

BIFRT B.5.1 be amended as shown in the Appendix.

[Bylaw amendment, first reading, 2/3 majority to pass, see appendix]

MOTION

03/10/15:9

Moved: Julian Chesterman (4jpc@queensu.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas the SGPS Bylaws make frequent reference to specific policy subsections, such as P.9.5.b;

Whereas amendments to the SGPS Bylaws require 2 readings including one at a General Meeting while amendments to SGPS Policy only require 1 reading at SGPS Council;

Whereas changes to SGPS Policy often break the referencing in the SGPS Bylaws and thereby necessitate inconvenient bylaw amendments to fix the referencing;

BIRT all references to specific policy subsections in the SGPS Bylaws be amended to read “Policy”.

[Bylaw amendment, first reading, 2/3 majority to pass]

MOTION

03/10/15:10

Moved: Julian Chesterman (4jpc@queensu.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas the Faculty of Applied Science changed its name in 2010;

BIRT B.17.2.b.(2) be changed from Applied Sciences to Engineering and Applied Science.

[Bylaw amendment, first reading, 2/3 majority to pass]

MOTION

03/10/15:11

Moved: Julian Chesterman (4jpc@queensu.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas the manner in which the SGPS runs elections and referendum has changed with the move to online voting;

Whereas the work performed by Deputy Returning Officers has been minimal in recent years;

Whereas the SGPS Council did not appoint a Deputy Returning Officer this year;

BIRT the position of Deputy Returning Officer be removed from the SGPS Bylaws and Policies;

BIFRT B.9.1.a.(4) be deleted;

BIFRT B.11.e be amended as shown in the Appendix;

BIFRT B.13.1.d which deals with the selection of Deputy Returning Officers be deleted;

BIFRT P.5.1.3.a.(3) which deals with the selection of Deputy Returning Officers be deleted;

BIFRT P.5.1.4 which describes the responsibilities of Deputy Returning Officers be deleted entirely;

BIFRT P.9.9.d be amended as shown in the Appendix.

[Bylaw & policy amendment, first reading, 2/3 majority to pass, see appendix]

MOTION

03/10/15:12

Moved: Sarah Budd (8skmb@queensu.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT Council approve the SGPS Accessibility Policies.

[Policy amendment, 2/3 majority to pass, see appendix]

MOTION

03/10/15:13

Moved: Chris Cochrane (6cjc@queensu.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT the date of the May 2015 Council meeting be changed to May 19 at 5:30pm.

[Regular motion, simple majority to pass]

MOTION

03/10/15:14

Moved: Kevin Wiener (president@SGPS.CA)

Seconded:

BIRT Council select Option ___ as the new logo design for the SGPS.

[Regular motion, simple majority to pass]

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

10. Adjournment

MOTION

03/10/15:15

Moved:

Seconded:

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.