



society of graduate & professional students
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27

AGENDA

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council
Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students

Tuesday October 8th, 2013 5:30PM

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

Kate Johnson: Introduction - University inter-faith chaplain

Anne-Marie Grondin: SGPS Committees

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION **10/08/13:1**

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Meagan Crane (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT the agenda for October 8th, 2013 Council meeting be adopted.

MOTION **10/08/13:2**

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpjg@sgps.ca)

BIRT the minutes for the September 10th, 2013 Council meeting be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Iain Reeve (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – David Francis (report attached)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Meagan Crane (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- f. Executive Assistant – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)
- g. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached)

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10/08/13:3

Moved: Becky Pero (vpj@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

4. Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

- a. Graduate Student Senator – Hamid Falahati (report attached)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod (report attached)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
 - i. Social Commissioner – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (report attached)
 - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii. Equity Commissioner: Robin Westland (report attached)
 - iv. International Students' Affairs Commissioner: Tian Lu (report attached)
- e. Other Reports
 - i. Equity Coordinator – Colleen Webber (report attached)
 - ii. International Students' Affairs Coordinator: Kris Singh (report attached)
 - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Gulaid Egeh (report attached)
 - iv. Athletics Coordinator – Richard Elliott (no report)
 - v. Logistics Coordinator – Ciara Bracken-Roche (no report)
 - vi. Planning Coordinator – Margaux MacDonald (no report)
 - vii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)
 - viii. Chief Returning Officer – Laura Levick (report attached)
 - ix. Departmental Reports

MOTION

10/08/13:4

Moved: Meagan Crane (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee and Other Reports be accepted.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

7. Main Motions

MOTION

10/08/13:5

Moved: Sean Richards (info@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas there existed some ambiguity in the Year Plan policy; and

Whereas there was some duplicated wording in the Year Plan policy; and

Whereas the new hiring timeline for Appointees of Council means year plan submission alongside the Executive is not feasible,

BIRT P.4.4 Year Plans be modified as seen in the October Council Appendices.

MOTION

10/08/13:6

Moved: Meagan Crane (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas, politically inconvenient Canadian research is being shut down or silenced from the top-down, such that institutions like PEARL (Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory), the ELA (Experimental Lakes Area), CFCAS (Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences), and Statistics Canada have been defunded;

Whereas, drastic and paradigm shifting cuts have been made to Library and Archives Canada resulting in vast quantities of information no longer being made accessible to the public, and the Federal Government has recently been found to muzzle scientists at governmental agencies;

Whereas, between 2007 and 2013, base funding for federal research grants that support graduate research opportunities decreased: SSHRC decreased by 10.1%; NSERC decreased by 6.4%; and, CIHR decreased by 7.5% (www.getsciencerright.ca); and, 100% of all new NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR funding in 2013 went to industry-linked research, which has resulted in the loss of publically-funded laboratory space dedicated to long-term environmental sustainability and the changing biophysical environment, and narrowing the breadth of graduate research opportunities and their academic freedom,

BIRT SGPS Council endorse the "Stand Up for Science" initiative which "calls upon the Government of Canada to respect the right of Canadians to access unbiased information by collecting the requisite statistics, adequately funding basic research, and freeing scientists to openly speak on all tax-supported findings apart from those subject to legitimate national security constraints." (Stand up for Science petition),

BIFRT SGPS Council will encourage members to circulate and sign the "Stand Up For Science" petition.

MOTION

10/08/13:7

Moved: Robin Westland (equity@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas, the SGPS considers student access to all equity related information and contacts from on and off campus important; and

Whereas, the SGPS has developed a document entitled 'Good to Know' that incorporates all such equity-related information; and

Whereas, P.2.2.3 dictates that the equity coordinator is meant to update an 'equity encyclopedia' as part of their mandate; and

Whereas, the 'Good to Know' document is such an encyclopedia; and

Whereas, relevance of such a document is contingent upon the information contained within being current; therefore,

BIRT P.2.2.3.f(3) be replaced in its entirety with: "Working on an annual "Equity Encyclopedia" that is to be updated every year, including the equity document entitled "Good to Know", which provides resources and contact information for all organizations and committees on campus working with or for the five designated groups"

8. Other Business

Iain Reeve: Discussion surrounding Strategic Enrolment Management Group White Paper (see appendix).

- 1) Would growth have a positive, negative, or neutral impact on your department?
- 2) Would significant growth in the undergraduate population would have an impact on the ability of students in your respective departments to access key services and campus infrastructure?
- 3) What are the thoughts from your department on short-term, distance, or part-time diplomas, certificates, or other credentials being housed within your department?

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, November 5th, 2013 by 4:00 pm.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th, 2013.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

10/08/13:8

Moved: Meagan Crane (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

September 10th Minutes

October Reports

Strategic Enrolment Management Group White Paper

Committee Vacancies

P.4.4 Year Plans (Summary of Changes)