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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27
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Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council
Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Tuesday December 10th, 2013 6:30PM
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION

11/12/13:1

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Julian Chesterman

BIRT the agenda for December 10th, 2013 Council meeting be adopted.

Addition of motions pertaining to Deputy Returning Officer and Rector Election
Spending Limits

Motion Carried

MOTION

11/12/13:2

Moved: Julian Chesterman

Seconded: Eric Rapos

BIRT the minutes for the November 12th, 2013 Council meeting be accepted.

Motion Carried

MOTION

11/12/13:3

Moved: Meagan Crane (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Julian Chesterman

BIRT the minutes for the November 20th, 2013 General Meeting be accepted.

Motion Carried

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Iain Reeve (report attached)- The province is going to be more involved in secondary education. Ratification vote for TA's Dec.12 at 5 at Sterling auditorium B, Dec. 13 9am Watson Hall 517, Dec.13 1pm Sterling auditorium B. Take a look at the agreement and vote.
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (no report) Review of Senate policy in integrity in research, we want more information, and to clarify the process. Time to completion task force will be meeting this week. Conflict resolution training was last week and it went really well.
- c. VP Professional – Cody Yorke (report attached)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Meagan Crane (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (no report)
- f. Executive Assistant – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)
- g. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached)- There will be a motion coming in January, review of mental health initiatives.

MOTION

11/12/13:4

Moved: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Victoria Hoskin

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

Motion Carried.

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

- a. Graduate Student Senator – Hamid Falahati (no report)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod (report attached)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
 - i. Social Commissioner – Margaux MacDonald (report attached)
 - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii. Equity Commissioner: Robin Westland (no report)
 - 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 – Vacant (no report)
 - vii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)

- viii. Chief Returning Officer – Laura Levick (report attached)- Rector elections are coming up in January.
- ix. Departmental Reports

MOTION

11/12/13:5

Moved: Hamid Falahati
Seconded: Thomas Vaughan

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

Motion Carried

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

Iain Reeve: Discussion surrounding Strategic Enrolment Management Group White Paper.

- 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?

Iain Reeve: Long term enrollment strategy.

Background: The bigger focus is changing the type of enrollment. New types of credentials, within the departments, chance for departments to make money.

Eric Rapos: Computing Department: In terms of grad students, there are 144 students and only 40 get TA positions. An increase in undergraduate enrolment for our department is a plus because it opens up TA positions.

Question: Are International students included in this?

Iain Reeve- There is a desire to increase international students within the graduate department.

Eric Rapos - International grad students require additional funding

Julian Chesterman - In engineering, there is a desire to increase the number of graduate students. The department wants to up it by 60 students.

Eric: There is an issue with space as graduate offices are getting packed.

Alison: Undergrad enrolment effect: Major level art history class, there weren't enough seats.

Councilor- more people take 1st year chemistry- over 1000 students therefore grad students are guaranteed TA ships.

Meagan: A lot of the increases that are going to affect grad students are diploma programs (1 year programs), keep in mind how this is going to affect recourses.

Iain Reeve- Also general increases in undergrad enrolment.

Eric- Campus master plan- long-term infrastructure plan, there isn't a lot of empty space, and significant growth will go towards West Campus. Housing is also key; A new residence is being built. Some students are currently at Confederation Place Hotel. If there wasn't significant growth, grad students could move into the JDUC. Also maintenance is going to go into the existing buildings.

Iain- The new 1 year programs will give additional credentials and experience. These students will pay more tuition, but they have access to normal Queen's services. These programs will suck teacher recourses away from undergraduate and graduate students. If your department creates these degrees, how will it make you feel?

Eric: Computing, some companies can send to employees to Queen's for specific courses eg. website design.

Iain- Raise the discussion in your department, and provide me with the feedback.

Iain Reeve - Council Working Group Discussion:

Iain- ildea behind it is to have more Council driven motions - ensuring Councilors are invested.

1) Councilor Responsibilities (see attached recommendations).

James MacLeod: Process for removing councilors from their positions: Miss 2 successive meetings or a total of 4 or more for a term, have to relinquish for the seat. (Term August to May)

Julian Chesterman: I think this issue is more enforcing the policy, rather than the exact number.

James: Currently, in the policy we can only tell department about the issues, with this new proposal we can officially open the seat for election.

Eric Rapos: By the fifth missed meeting that is more than half the meetings for a term. I think it should be a total of 3.

Iain- If you are going to miss a meeting keep Council informed. We want to keep people engaged. Not all department have constitutions - we have to be open, we have to communicate to the departments about our rules and regulations.

James: You may not re-elect the person we just let go, it is up to the department to run the election.

Alison- If the councilor is removed, it is hard to get the position filled for very small department.

Iain Reeve: If we remove someone who doesn't show up anyway we are no worse off. But we will consider how to deal with the smaller departments, because we do want representation and to keep people engaged and informed.

2) Deliberative Procedure (see attached recommendations).

Iain Reeve: This will put us into smaller groups in an attempt to foster active discussions on main motions. Members in the SGPS will facilitate these small

groups. We will let Councilors drive the conversation. This will not replace every motion we do, but anything with lots of detail or contentious will move into this style. I want to pilot this small group discussion in January, to see if it will function the way we think it will.

Lara: Will it be reflected in the minutes?

Iain: There will be a note taker for each group, and then it will be incorporated into the minutes.

Eric Rapos: Concerns:

- At most meetings there are approximately 20 people who are not member of staff. Therefore, we would only have the numbers for about 2 groups, and the purpose of this small group discussion is to have lots of smaller groups.
- You are going to be missing information brought up by other groups.
- Roberts's Rules were created to generate discussion: Anybody can contribute at any number of times.
- The person that brought that motion should be able to speak to every member.
- Further, this small group discussion will lengthen the whole deliberation process.
- As the staff will be mediating the small group discussions it may increase their influence. It should be the Councilors that drive the discussions.
- There may be a point brought up in one group but because the other groups will not hear it, they will not have a chance to counter.

Iain: We think attendance will increase. The Speaker and staff will not engage or direct the content of the small groups. The Speaker is just going to set the tone for the discussions. At any time if consensus isn't possible we will move to a vote the same way as we always have.

Julian: I agree with some of Eric's points. We are going to end up with groups where people are not going to speak to anything, some people speak, others don't.

Christine- I think it is good to promote participation: In terms of timing, it may lengthen the process; have to look into how timing will work.

Eric: I am not against participation; I just don't think that this is the method to do it. The rules we have in place do allow participation. In smaller groups, we will miss counterpoints that may not get brought up. Group discussion where we are hearing everything is important, we may miss out on it.

Iain: the mover and seconder get to decide which method to use. Council can also make the decision to move in and out of this formation, once discussion starts.

Councilor: how will the groups be split up? Sciences together?

Iain: The idea is to do it randomly. The mover has to write a paragraph so that we know the context of the motion. Time is my biggest concern, and we won't know until we try it.

One motion or less that uses this method maybe? We are being very hypothetical, and I acknowledge some people's skepticism but I just want to try it.

- 3) Driving Action From Outside the Executive.
This will arise from the reform we are talking about.
- 4) Helping Improve Local Societies and Making Stronger Connections.
We need to be more proactive. Drawing up draft constitutions.

MOTION **11/12/13: E1**

Moved: Iain Reeve
Seconder: Christine Esselmont

BIRT SGPS Council pilot the Council Working Group Deliberative Procedure from January 2014 – March 2014

Motion carried

7. Main Motions

MOTION **11/12/13:6**

Moved: Becky Pero
Seconded: Julian Chesterman

Whereas B.13.2(a) reads: Executives shall select the Appointees of Council, through a process of application and interviews. Council shall ratify these selections to ensure that due process has been observed, and

Whereas the Executive has interviewed and selected all Commissioner and Coordinators,

BIRT SGPS Council appoint Margaux MacDonald as Social Commissioner, Prashant Agrawal as Athletics Coordinator, Ciara Bracken-Roche as Logistics Coordinator, Jamie Summers as Planning Coordinator, Tabasum Askeer as the Equity Commissioner, Colleen Webber as the Equity Coordinator, Tian Lu as the International Students Affairs Commissioner, Kris Singh as the International Students Affairs Coordinator and Gulaid Egeh as the Sustainability Coordinator.

MOTION **11/12/13:6 M-1**

Moved: Iain Reeve

Seconded: Meagan Crane

BIRT SGPS Council appoint Ian Maness as Communications Coordinator.

Motion to amend carried

MOTION

11/12/13:6

Moved: Becky Pero

Seconded: Julian Chesterman

Motion Carried as amended

MOTION

11/12/13:7

Moved: Iain Reeve

Seconded: Eric Rapos

Whereas the work of SGPS Coordinators is often difficult to separate from the work of other Coordinators and/or Commissioners under one same Commission; and

Whereas the responsibilities of SGPS Commissioner include reporting on the work of the Commission as a whole; and

Whereas Coordinators are paid less than Commissioners, and are thus expected to uphold fewer responsibilities; therefore

BIRT SGPS Policy 2.2.3 Coordinators be amended to read:

a. All Coordinators are responsible for:

(1) developing a year plan specific to their position in accordance with P.4.4;

(2) participating in the transition process in accordance with P.4;

BIFRT the SGPS Bylaws and Policies Review Standing Committee be tasked with exploring amendments to the Bylaw 9.2 which includes Coordinators as "Appointees of Council".

MOTION

11/12/13:7 M-1

Moved: Iain Reeve

Seconded: Meagan Crane

BIRT SGPS Council strike from the motion "BIFRT the SGPS Bylaws and Policies Review Standing Committee be tasked with exploring amendments to the Bylaw 9.2 which includes Coordinators as "Appointees of Council"

Motion to amend carried.

MOTION

11/12/13:7 M-2

Moved: Eric Rapos

Seconded: Iain Reeve

BIRT SGPS Council amend Policy 2.2.3 Coordinators to read:
“All Coordinators are responsible for participating in the transition process in accordance with P.4.”

Motion to amend Carried

MOTION

11/12/13:7 M-3

Moved: Eric Rapos
Seconded: Becky Pero

BIRT SGPS Council remove “-er” from P.5.2.4.(4) “Commissioner”.

Motion to amend Carried

MOTION

11/12/13:7

Moved: Iain Reeves
Seconded: Eric Rapos

Motion Carried as amended

MOTION

11/12/13:8

Moved: Laura Levick (cro@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Sarah Barnes

Whereas P.10.5.b. requires both the AMS Assembly and SGPS Council to approve spending limits in the Rector Election, as set by the Rector Election Team.

BIRT campaign spending in the upcoming Rector Election shall be \$300 per candidate.

BIFRT the SGPS contribute \$75 per candidate towards the spending limit.

Motion Carried

MOTION

11/12/13:9

Moved: Laura Levick (cro@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Claire Corbett

BIRT SGPS Council appoint <insert name here> to the position of Deputy Returning Officer.

Position: assisting with election admin. Names on signature lists, is the singles most difficult part of the job

MOTION

11/12/13:9 M-1

Moved: Julian Chesterman
Seconded: Thomas Vaughan

BIRT that SGPS Council change <insert name here> to “Eric Rapos”.

Motion to amend Carried

MOTION

11/12/13:9

Moved: Laura Levick (cro@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Claire Corbett

Motion Carried as amended.

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, January 7th, 2013 by 4:00 pm.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14th, 2013.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

11/12/13:10

Moved: Meagan Crane (vpcca@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Victoria Hoskin

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

12/10/13
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CFS-27
Attached:
November 12th minutes
November 20th minutes
December Reports
Council Working Group recommendations
November 12th attendance

Council Attendance: December 2013 (page 1 of 4)

Name		Represents	Present	Needs Tent Card
		Aboriginal Rep		
Marvin	Ferrer	Anatomy & Cell Biology		
Lauren	Buttle	Art Conservation		
Alison	Fraser	Art History	X	
		Biochemistry		
Jared	McDonald	Biology		
Alex	Ross	Biology	X	
Julian	Chesterman	Biomedical Engineering	X	
		Biostatistics		
James	MacLeod	Board of Trustees Rep		
Suzanne	Rath	Business PhD		
Preusser	Calista	Chemical Engineering	X	
Nausheen	Sadiq	Chemistry	X	
Ryley	Beddoe	Civil Engineering		
		Classics		
Lidija	Latifovic	Community Health and Epidemiology		
Eric	Rapos	Computing Science	X	
Thomas	Vaughan	Computing Science	X	
Rami	Bahgat	Cultural Studies		
Alex	McLeod	Economics		
Chi	Yan Lam	Education - Graduate - President		
Sean	Cousins	Education - Graduate M.Ed		
Stefan	Merchant	Education - Graduate PhD		
Iman	Faraji	Electrical and Computer Engineering	X	
Tatevik Vita	Nersisyan	English		
Patricia	Oprea	English	X	

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Byomkesh	Talukder	Environmental Studies		
Mairead	Weir	ESS	X	
Tyler	Hughes	ESS		
Natalie	Tsui	ESS President		
Alanna	Gilmour	ESS/SGPS Liason		
Kyle	Stepa	French	X	
Judicael	Zounmevo	GECE President		
Monique	Harvison	Gender Studies		
Sinead	Earley	Geography	X	
Alexandra	Giancarlo	Geography		
Jennifer	Bentz	Geology		
		German		
Hayley	Morgan	Global Development		
Tabitha	Renaud	History		
Carolyn	Lee	Industrial Relations		
Matthew	Cathmoir	Industrial Relations		
Bo	Liu	International Rep		
Tobias	Langguth	International Rep		
Robert	Bentley	Kinesiology and Health Studies	X	
Sarah	Barnes	Kinesiology and Health Studies	X	
Stefanie	Kullick	Languages, Literatures & Cultures		
David	Israelsohn	Law		
Paul	Warchuk	Law		
Mariella	Montplaisir-Bazan	Law - Graduate		
Naheed	Yaqubian	Law - LSS President		
		Management		
Saeed	Akhavan Astaneh	Math and Stats		
		Mature Student Rep		

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Robert	Nishida	Mechanical and Material Engineering		
Sarah	Martz	Microbiology		
John	Forster	Mining Engineering		
Alexander	Cushing	Mining Engineering		
Katherine	Sainsbury	MPA		
Maral	Kiani	MPA		
Jessica	Evans	MPA		
Farin	Bourojeni	Neuroscience		
Jane	van de Ven-Dantes	Nursing		
		Part Time Rep		
Victoria	Hoskin	Pathology	X	
Jackie	Leonard	Pathology	X	
Yohan	D'Souza	Pharmacology		
Christine	Esselmont	Philosophy	X	
James	Brown	Physics		
Andrea	Mimee	Physiology		
Ian	Robinson	Political Studies		
Joyce	Li	Psychology		
Megan	Jaquith	Public Health		
Nick	Francis	Rector		
Claire	Corbett	Rehab Sciences (Professional)	X	
		Rehab Sciences (Research)		
		Rehabilitation Therapy		
		Religious Studies		
		School of Religion		
Robert	Lawson	School of Religion		
Hamid	Falahati	Senator: SGPS	X	
Andrew	Bigioni	Senator: Law		

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Laurel	Paterson	Senator: Rehab Therapy		
		Sociology		
Jenna	Thibault	Urban and Regional Planning		
SGPS Executive & Staff				
Iain	Reeve	President	X	
Meagan	Crane	VP Campaigns & Community Affairs	X	
Jillian	Burford-Grinnell	VP Finance & Services		
Becky	Pero	VP Graduate	X	
Cody	Kolsteren Yorke	VP Professional		
Anne-Marie	Grondin	Executive Assistant		
Sean	Richards	Executive Director	X	
Margaux	MacDonald	Social Commissioner	X	
Prashant	Agrawal	Athletics Coordinator		
Ciara	Bracken-Roche	Logistics Coordinator		
Jamie	Summers	Planning Coordinator		
Ian	Maness	Communications Coordinator	X	
Robin	Westland	Equity Commissioner		
Colleen	Webber	Equity Coordinator	X	
Tian	Lu	International Commissioner		
Kris	Singh	International Coordinator	X	
Gulaid	Egeh	Sustainability Coordinator	X	
James	MacLeod	Speaker	X	
Jason	Zelt	Deputy Speaker	X	
Laura	Levick	Chief Returning Officer	X	