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Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council

Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students

Tuesday January 8th, 2013 6:00pm

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Presentations

E-Thesis and Intellectual Property Discussion – Matthew Scribner

Scribner: This is more of a discussion. SGS policy says you need to sign over your thesis to Queen's (QSpace) in order to graduate. A few years ago there was a complaint and the SGPS spoke to the SGS about the issue. The SGS agreed to a 5 year wait period (you can delay publication of your thesis online for 5 years). After 5 years, the thesis would be published online. This is an issue of intellectual property and copyright. SGPS has received another complaint about the online publication of thesis documents. I would appreciate a discussion on this matter. I would like to know what the SGPS should do (if anything). If SGPS is to do something, what are your suggestions? A reason to implement the online publication of thesis is open access. Perhaps a responsibility for this public institution (Queen's) is to put the research out to the public.

Max Ma: Is this like ProQuest? Are we talking about free access to the research or something else?

Scribner: Not familiar with ProQuest. Asked follow-up.

Max: ProQuest is firewall protected so public access is not allowed.

Scribner: Publication of thesis at Queen's is done in such a way that the thesis is publically available.

Pero: Queen's has one of the longest lag periods (5 years before mandatory publication) versus other Canadian Universities.

Grondin: Many PhD students may wish to publish a book based on their research. May make it difficult to sell your property if the University is making the data publically accessible for free.

Scribner: If there is no strong feeling this is an issue, we can use the available avenues (committees, etc) GSEC or perhaps Senate to discuss the issue and ways to update the policy.

Kirlin: Is there a more specific group that may wish to deal with the issue in a more directed way?

Scribner: Perhaps but the SGPS has more available avenues that would not be available to general members of the SGPS. I think the online tool is great but it is the requirement to publish online that may be an issue.

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION

01/08/13:1

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

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

Scribner: I would like to add a housekeeping motion. I sent it to the Speaker and ED. The motion pertains to selecting a chair for the Special Awards Standing Committee.

Burford-Grinnell: I have a motion to submit with respect to the hiring of the VP Professional. Motion was read aloud to Council.

Carried.

MOTION

01/08/13:2

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

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpjg@sgps.ca)

BIRT the minutes for December 11th, 2012 Council meeting be accepted.

Alyssa Kirlin was noted as present in the December minutes but she was not present.

Carried.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Matthew Scribner (report attached) – a committee that reviews the Principalship is starting to meet.
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached) – SAs will hold 2 workshops regarding the student/supervisor relationship. I encourage you to contact the Advisors if you want to attend or want more information (advisors@sgps.ca). Check the SGPS website for SA office hours.
- c. VP Professional – Vacant (Final Report Attached: Annie Clifford)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Matthew Shultz (report attached) – This Friday at noon (in front of Stauffer) there will be a Circle Dance for Idle No More.

- e. VP Finance & Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (no report) – Apologies for not submitting a report. Family emergency caused me to not be able to submit the report. Worked Dec 10 – 21 on the Holiday Assistance Program. SGPS was able to deliver 23 holidays packages to students in need. Bursary applications continue to roll in. Please be in touch if you have an event or need for a bursary. SGPS needs a Council member to participate in the hiring of the VP Professional replacement. You need to be a professional student to apply for the VP Professional position but you do not need to be a professional student to sit on the committee.
- f. Executive Assistant – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached) – nothing to add
- g. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached) – nothing to add.

MOTION

01/08/13:3

Moved: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

Carried.

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

- a. Graduate Student Senator – Terry Bridges (no report) – No senate meeting since the last meeting of SGPS Council. Next Senate agenda is not yet online. There will be a working group to discuss mental health. GSEC talked about timeline extensions for degree requirements (some things that may be taken into consideration when deciding to allow a timeline extension in a degree program). Academic Planning Task Force looking at online learning and getting feedback from various sources. People from SGPS, QUFA, PSAC and more will be present at the committee meeting(s). Goal is to have a report in April/May.
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – Tony Gkotsis (no report) – Nothing to report.
- c. Committee Reports – None.
- d. Commissioner Reports
 - i. Social Commissioner – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (report attached) – Nothing to add.
 - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached) – Nothing to add.
 - iii. Equity Commissioner: Robin Westland (no report) – Apology for no report. Oral report given on behalf of Equity Commissioner.
 - iv. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner: Holly McIndoe (no report)
- e. Other Reports
 - i. Equity Coordinator – Ian Fanning (no report)
 - ii. International Students’ Affairs Coordinator: Kris Singh (no report) – Making progress on items discussed in previous reports.

- iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Jack Wallace (no report)
- iv. Athletics Coordinator – Chris Harris (no report)
- v. Logistics Coordinator – Ciara Bracken-Roche (no report)
- vi. Planning Coordinator – Margaux MacDonald (no report)
- vii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report) – Welcome back everyone! Queen’s BoT meeting (wasn’t there for all of it). Residence motion has passed. Queen’s to build 2 more residences. See Queen’s news for more info on that. 550 beds. Asked about Grad Student spaces. Answer is move the Grad Students if need be. Grad Students are slotted to return to the JDUC. How to deal with increased student enrolment. Senate will have final say on this matter. 2 student reps (one SGPS and one AMS). Nobody really knows the process so we will find out (via Provost). Please talk to me afterward for any further info. Commission on Mental Health (Principal) released a report in December. If you have any thoughts on this report (the final report) – please send thoughts to me. I will be speaking with admin on this matter. Tricolour Award – deadline for nomination is February 15 (may be extended). Check my website for info on the award (queensu.ca/rector). Your homework is to think about the type of people who should be nominated for this award and nominate if you wish.
- viii. Chief Returning Officer – Eric Rapos (report attached)
- ix. Departmental Reports - none

MOTION

01/08/13:4

Moved: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

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

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

Bridges (Senator): For Rector: Does Queen’s have the money for building the residences?

Francis: They have a system to get the money and therefore will have all the money. Residences are revenue generating over the long term (they will pay themselves off). They have a system whereby the Residence building (bricks and mortar) will be paid off over the life of the buildings.

Grondin: How do they decide which residence gets the money for renovations/repair etc. In terms of revenue, are they also planning on renovations/maintenance of existing and new buildings?

Francis: IIRC the finances are sound granted I wasn’t given all the details. They are unable to divulge all the info until exact and final plans are completed.

Ma: Why do we need more students and more residences? Why are we not taking care of the people that are already here instead of bringing in more people? Is there a campus master plan?

Francis: Good questions. Why to enrol right now ... short answer is money. Incentive to bring in more students to get more money. Enrolment strategy is to increase international enrolment to

increase Queen's international reputation. What about the people living at the hotel? Will those students at the hotel come back to the JDUC or will something else happen? We are not sure at this point.

Yes there is a Campus Master Planning Committee, which is chaired by JoAnne Brady (former Registrar at Queen's). I spoke with members of the committee and they have people coming to consult regarding where and how to build and how it fits in to the current buildings on Council. Burford-Grinnell – In December, our Trustee spoke about this (he is on the committee as the SGPS rep).

Gkotsis – Very soon there will be a lot of media released regarding these processes.

Ma: Should we not finish the plan before we start building?

Gkotsis – Queen's has one and is currently updating the document. As time passes, the plan needs updating. Queen's has a guarantee that first year students get into residence. Rooms were made available to upper year students (but that went away 3 years ago). I believe these rooms will be filled easily. Rec rooms and social rooms will return. Perhaps the possibility to allow upper year students the chance to have residence rooms again.

Carried.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

None.

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

None.

7. Main Motions

MOTION

01/08/13:5

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas the SGPS assesses an optional student activity fee entitled "Aboriginal Student Centre" for the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre,

Whereas most student activity fees charged to SGPS members share a title with the recipient,

BIRT that the name of the "Aboriginal Student Centre" be changed to "Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre."

Scribner: Just a housekeeping item. Want to be as precise as possible with fee information. Also good to have name of the group so people are aware of the service.

Carried.

MOTION

01/08/13:6

Moved: Matthew Schultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas the increase in the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) budget is insufficient to account for the projected increase in graduate student enrolment, thus worsening the chances of graduate students being awarded an OGS; and,

Whereas Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funding priorities have been shifted to industry-related research, thus making Tri-Council support substantially more difficult to obtain for students engaged in pure or fundamental research; and,

Whereas mandatory applications for NSERC, SSHRC, and OGS grants represent a substantial investment of time and effort on behalf of both the university and individual students; and,

Whereas many graduate schools have highlighted "time to completion" as a core concern; and,

Whereas mandatory scholarship applications take time away from coursework and research, making grants more difficult to achieve, while also making students less likely to apply for grants from other institutions; and,

Whereas mandatory scholarship applications are a significant source of unnecessary stress for graduate students; and,

Whereas the transcript fees associated with scholarship applications represent an unfair annual expense for graduate students;

BIRT the SGPS opposes any departmental or institutional policy mandating grant or scholarship applications, including punitive measures taken against students who do not submit grant or scholarship applications;

BIFRT that the SGPS apply pressure for reimbursement of the transcript fees incurred with mandatory grant or scholarship applications.

Shultz: These things are kind of a waste of time. Would be nice not to have to pay for transcript fees. Spoke with PSAC about this issue. Any questions or concerns?

Ouellette – spoke to department about this to get opinion. They do not agree with both of the resolution clauses. Can we split this into 2 motions?

Kirlin – same concern from those I represent

Shultz – I have no issue with separating into 2 motions if that is ok with Council.

Kevin Weiner – Roberts Rules allow for a division of a motion.

MOTION

01/08/13: D

Movd: Ouellette

Seconded: Kirlin

BIRT SGPS Council separate the BIRT clauses of motion 01/08/13:6

Carried

MOTION

01/08/13:6 D1

Moved: Matthew Schultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS opposes any departmental or institutional policy mandating grant or scholarship applications, including punitive measures taken against students who do not submit grant or scholarship applications;

Kirlin – agree with part about punitive measures but I do think it is a good idea to have student applications for grants.

Tabatha – It is a good exercise but my problem is chasing profs for reference letters. If there was some way we could get profs to take it more seriously so getting reference letters was easier. No problem with it being mandatory but need some way to have profs do their part.

MOTION

01/08/13:6 D1 M-1

Moved: Ma

Seconded: Kirlin

BIRT SGPS Council change “opposes” to “voices concerns over”

Ouellette – I think that maybe instead of changing this motion, it would be better to try and gauge what different departments are doing and then allow SGPS AASC to submit recommendations. I don’t want the SGS to see this as lazy grad students trying to get out of work.

Kathleen Adams: I don’t agree with the motion and don’t want to amend at this point.

Motion to amend Carried

MOTION

01/08/13:6 D1

Moved: Matthew Schultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS voices concerns over any departmental or institutional policy mandating grant or scholarship applications, including punitive measures taken against students who do not submit grant or scholarship applications;

Ouellette – I would vote down the motion. I think we need to get more information. We should refer to a committee.

Discussion about Robert's Rules.

MOTION

01/08/13:6 D1 M-2

Moved: Ma

Seconded: Shultz

BIFRT SGPS the diversity of opinions amongst departments/societies be solicited prior to the submission to the SGS.

Gkotsis - seems to me there are distinct issues here that make it hard to vote on the motion.

Not Carried.

Kirlin – is there a committee we can refer this to?

Speaker: Yes

Grondin – It would be possible to create SGPS policy that states an overall summary of the issue and what the SGPS supports and what the SGPS does not support. SGPS already has similar types of policy (ie – progress reports).

You could also task the AASC look into this and report back to Council. The report could be used in various ways.

Scribner: Any committee could look into this without a referral.

Gkotsis – Send it to AASC and then send it to B&P committee if necessary. I think there are a lot of opinions that need to be further fleshed out.

MOTION

01/08/13:6 D1: RC

Moved: Ouellette

Seconded: Kirlin

BIRT SGPS Council refer motion 01/08/13:6 D1 to the Academic Affairs Standing Committee to solicit opinions from the various departments

Carried.

MOTION

01/08/13:6 D2

Moved: Matthew Schultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIFRT that the SGPS apply pressure for reimbursement of the transcript fees incurred with mandatory grant or scholarship applications.

Ouellette – Recommend voting this down and using the AASC to further discuss.

MOTION

01/08/13:6 D2 RC

Moved: Ma

Seconded: Shultz

BIRT SGPS Council refer motion 01/08/13:6 to the Academic Affairs Standing Committee

Carried

MOTION

01/08/13: E1

Moved: Scribner

Seconded: Burford-Grinnell

BIRT <insert name here> be selected as the chair of the SGPS Special Awards Standing Committee.

Scribner: The committee obviously chooses recipients of our special awards. Awards are normally given at the spring semi-formal. This is one of the fun committees. Goes on to list awards, which can be found on the SGPS website (www.sgps.ca/events/awards.html)

Ma: I nominate Kathleen Adams

MOTION

01/08/13: E1 M-1

Moved: Ma

Seconded: Shultz

BIRT SGPS Council change <insert name here> to Kathleen Adams

Carried.

MOTION

01/08/13: E1

Carries as amended

MOTION

01/08/13: E2

Moved: Burford-Grinnell

Seconded: Scribner

BIRT SGPS Council approve the formation of a hiring committee to interview VP Professional candidates.

BIFRT Council empower the hiring committee to make a recommendation to Council (at the February meeting of Council) for the position of VP Professional

BIFRT Council member <insert name here> be appointed to the hiring committee

Burford-Grinnell – B&P currently silent on Exec members who have to leave their position (at least there is room to interpret the exact meaning). This Exec term ends April 30. By the time a bi-election was completed in accordance with our B&P that would take a month. That would leave about 2 months left in the term. The other option is to have a hiring committee, which would give us a VP Professional that is ratified at the February meeting of Council. Some reasons for hiring committee – better screening tool (versus an election at Council). Report could be given back to Council detailing how many applicants and other data as requested. Second if Council was to conduct a formal interview with candidates that would be unfair (candidates coming to Council for an interview). That would be quite the interview panel!

Kevin Weiner: I agree that having an election at this point would not be ideal. My theory would be that given Council's ability to choose the next VP Professional – should that be a decision Council wants to decide or to refer to a hiring committee to take on the responsibility – and bringing the candidate back for ratification. I would think Council would prefer to make the decision in the event of multiple people. Executive positions are of great importance to the Society and the members who are represented. Having the ED or EA on the committee to hire the VP Professional could cause issues since the VP Professional is in charge of HR and thus HR matters relating to the ED and the EA.

Burford-Grinnell – Performance reviews are already completed for the ED and the EA. No need to do any reviews during the remaining part of the VP Professional's term. It has always been very helpful to have a permanent staff member on the hiring committee for various reasons.

Grondin – I see the concern and welcome discussion on having ED or EA on the hiring committee. Note that EA and ED do HR alongside the VP Professional. Without a VPP, EA and ED are left as the people dealing with matters of HR.

If done at Council, applicants are given a very short timeline to describe themselves. Council does not have a great deal of information to use in order to select the best candidate. A hiring committee would have the ability to look at resumes and ask interview questions to hire the best candidate.

Kevin Weiner – other concern is about making the process purely about who is the best at this hiring committee. A screening process could be done such that applicants are screened and all of those people that are believed able to fill the position are brought to Council for Council's deliberation.

Burford-Grinnell – we spoke about that as well. I would be very happy if we received multiple applications for the VPP position. I would do cartwheels in the law school!!

MOTION

01/08/13: E2 M-1

Moved: Burford-Grinnell

Seconded: Scribner

BIRT SGPS Council change <Insert name here> to Trevor Snider

Motion to amend carried.

MOTION

01/08/13: E2

Motion carries as amended.

8. Other Business

Speaker: If Mr. Scribner deems it necessary he can craft a motion on Council's behalf with regards to our E-Thesis discussion

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, February 5th, 2013
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12th, 2013.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

01/08/13:7

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

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

Council adjourns at 7:36 p.m.

01/08/13

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Attached:

December Minutes

December Attendance

January Reports

Name		Represents	Jan 8
Dana	Wesley	Aboriginal Rep	
Marvin	Ferrer	Anatomy & Cell Biology	
Marie-Lou	Beauchamp	Art Conservation	
Kathleen	Adams	Art History	X
Alyssa	Kirlin	Biochemistry	X
Trevor	Snider	Biology	X
Kate	Mathers	Biology	X
Julian	Chesterman	Biomedical Engineering	
Vacant	Vacant	Biostatistics	
Tony	Gkotsis	Board of Trustees Rep	X
Ningsi	Mei	Chemistry	
Kyle	Petrie	Chemical Engineering	
Ryan	Regier	Civil Engineering	X
Vacant	Vacant	Classics	
Colleen	Webber	Community Health and Epidemiology	X
Lidija	Latifovic	Community Health and Epidemiology	X
Melissa	Trezise	Computing Science	X
Simrin	Nagpal	Computing Science	X
Rami	Bahgat	Cultural Studies	
Andrea	Craig	Economics	
Lisa Alice	Mitchell	Education - Graduate - President	
Jessica	Chan	Education - Graduate M.Ed	X
Scott	Hughes	Education - Graduate PhD	
Chris	Fiorentino	Electrical and Computer Engineering	X
Patricia	Oprea	English	
Maya	Bielinski	English	
Byomkesh	Talukder	Environmental Studies	
Alyson	Prabhu	ESS	X
Lauren	Johns	ESS	X
Kristin	Boyd	ESS President	X
Jennifer	Parker	ESS/SGPS Liason	X
Patrick	St-Amand	French	
Kyle	Stepa	French	X

Judicael	Zounmevo	GECE President	
Kaleigh	Alkenbrack	Gender Studies	
Alexandra	Giancarlo	Geography	
Sinead	Earley	Geography	X
Cara	Kennedy	Geology	
Vacant	Vacant	German	
Hayley	Morgan	Global Development	
Terry	Bridges	Graduate Senator	X
Tabitha	Renaud	History	X
Matthew	Cathmoir	Industrial Relations	
Carolyn	Lee	Industrial Relations	
Bo	Liu	International Rep	
Tobias	Langguth	International Rep	X
Robert	Bentley	Kinesiology and Health Studies	X
Stefanie	Kullick	Languages, Literatures & Cultures	
Max	Ma	Law	X
Janet	Yang	Law	
Vacant	Vacant	Law	
Mariella	Montplasilir	Law - Graduate	
Robert	Thompson	Law - LSS President	
Aarondeep	Bains	Law Senator	
Paul	Dion	Management	
Saeed	Akhavan Astaneh	Math and Stats	
Vacant	Vacant	Mature Student Rep	
Robert	Nishida	Mechanical and Material Engineering	
Sarah	Martz	Microbiology	
Spencer	Reeves	Mining Engineering	
Alexander	Cushing	Mining Engineering	X
Raynold	Alorse	MPA	
Farin Babaei	Bourojeni	Neuroscience	
Jane	van de Ven-Dantes	Nursing	
Vacant	Vacant	Part Time Rep	
Victoria	Hoskin	Pathology	X
Dulcie	Lai	Pathology	X
Yohan	D'Souza	Pharmacology	
Kyley	Ewing	Philosophy	X
Nathalie	Ouellette	Physics	X
Andrea	Mimee	Physiology	
Maria	Krause	Political Studies	X
Alexander	Steffan	Political Studies	

Jackie	Huberman	Psychology	X
Megan	Jaquith	Public Health	
Nick	Francis	Rector	X
Kristen	Gamble	Rehab Sciences (Professional)	
Vacant	Vacant	Rehab Sciences (Research)	
Vacant	Vacant	Rehabilitation Therapy	
Vacant	Vacant	Religious Studies	
Robert	Lawson	School of Religion	
Darin	MacKinnon	School of Religion	
Gillian	Bankas	Sociology	
Michael	Rac	Urban and Regional Planning	
Sean	Richards	Executive Director	X
Matthew	Scribner	President	X
Jillian	Burford-Grinnell	VP Finance	X
Matt	Shultz	VP Campaigns & Community Affairs	X
Becky	Pero	VP Graduate	X
Annie	Clifford	VP Professional	
Cassandra	Kuyvenhoven	Social Commissioner	
Chris	Harris	Athletics Coordinator	
Ciara	Bracken-Roche	Logistics Coordinator	
Margaux	MacDonald	Planning Coordinator	
Robin	Westland	Equity Commissioner	
Aliya	Kassam	Equity Coordinator	
Holly	McIndoe	International Students' Affairs Comissioner	
Kris	Singh	International Students' Affairs Coordinator	X
Jack	Wallace	Sustainability Coordinator	
James	MacLeod	Speaker	X
Alvin	Szeto	Deputy Speaker	X
Eric	Rapos	Chief Returning Officer	X
Anne-Marie	Grondin	Executive Assistant	X
Other Attendees			
Sara	Pavan	Student Advisor	
Victoria	Millious	Student Advisor	