



## Agenda

November 8, 2016 - 5:30pm  
Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

The Socials Commissioner, Yann, is acting speaker:

The Society of Graduate and Professional Students recognizes the traditional and ancestral territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Nations on whose lands we gather on today.

---

---

## I. Presentations

---

---

Council Orientation – Eric Rapos

Presentation regarding the makeup of SGPS Council, purpose, responsibilities, and function. Slides with useful quick reference chart will be circulated.



---

## II. Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

---

### A. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION 11/08/16:1**

Moved: Saba Farbodkia ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Stuart Clark ([vp.finance@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.finance@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the November 8, 2016 Council Meeting.

Stuart Clark, VP Finance motion to move up agenda item 6, election of speaker. Seconded. Motion passes.

Speaker motion to adopt agenda as amended. Agenda Adopted.

### A. SGPS Council Speaker

**MOTION 11/08/16:5**

Moved: Sebastian Gorlewski ([vp.graduate@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.graduate@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Stuart Clark ([vp.finance@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.finance@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council elect [name] as the Speaker for the 2016-17 year.



### **Agenda**

November 8, 2016 - 5:30pm

Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

Jennifer Williams: Hi I'm a first year Master's student who has taken an undergraduate degree at Queen's and worked with the AMS. I am well-versed with governance, policy, and hope to be your speaker.

Sebastian, VP Graduate: Anyone else? [Nobody.] Motion to vote.

PERSON?: Do you have any relationship with the current executive?

Jennifer Williams: No, I know them through committee work but I see myself as neutral in this setting.

[No further questions.] [Jennifer Williams leaves the room.]

[Jennifer Williams is elected as SGPS Speaker.]

#### **B. Adoption of the Council Minutes**

**MOTION 11/08/16:2**

**[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]**

Moved: Saba Farbodkia ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Stuart Clark ([vp.finance@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.finance@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the October 11, 2016 Council Meeting.

Nima, LSS President: "I was upset about 2 week approval timeline" to be corrected to "4 week timeline"

Alexander: We would like a copy of the minutes for Civil Engineer reps.

Speaker: It is online, has been circulated.

Korey: My name is misspelled throughout, please correct that.

Senator Ali: The minutes from the second September meeting have still not been circulated.

Stuart Clark, VP Finance: I believe they are on someone's computer. Possibly Anastasia. We will look, I recall seeing them.

[Minutes adopted as amended]



### Agenda

November 8, 2016 - 5:30pm  
Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre



## Executive & Speaker Reports

---

### A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Saba Farbodkia (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Sebastian Gorlewski (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Kishan Lakhani (report attached)
- d. VP Finance & Services – Stuart Clark (no report)
- e. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Anastasiya Boika (report attached)

### B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Vacant (no report)

### C. Approval

**MOTION 11/08/16:3**

Moved: Saba Farbodkia ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Stuart Clark ([vp.finance@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.finance@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

Saba: Clarification?

Sebastian: Nothing further to add

Stuart: Responding to question about combined health and dental fee charge, raised as the last council meeting. Got an answer from Andria the Director about the logic behind this choice.

There was serious research conducted before combining fees to determine the effect. At other universities these fees are usually combined, and we were asked to do the same to keep the plan stable by our provider. This would increase plan stability by meaning that you must opt out entirely or stay in entirely. We ran the numbers, the number that opted out of health but remained in dental was 13 members. The dental but not health numbers are not available but I can get them for next meeting

Speaker: No report yet, just elected! I will be looking for a deputy in the future. Mark is filling in for now. [Hi!]

Emma: Stuart what does 'serious research' mean? Why was a survey not conducted?

Stuart: Just reading off her email here, so I can look into that.

Adam Ali: For Saba, thank you for the report. Question regarding the emergency meeting with the Dean of the SGS. For the new councilors, can you provide more context to your report regarding workstudy and RA issues.



## Agenda

November 8, 2016 - 5:30pm

Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

Saba: As said in the paragraph prior, I have hired someone to conduct research on student/advisor relations. We want to conduct our own survey and get data from departments. Consultation work has been done and heads of departments have been contacted for information. Not sure what happened behind the scenes. Apparently one of the heads contacted Dean Brauer behind the scenes to ask what this was about. People at the university sometimes confuse us with the SGS and so the Dean was contacted instead of me, and I was then contacted to explain what this was. I responded and explained my research plan again, and must do ethical due diligence before we proceed. I have also contacted Chris from Institutional Research and Planning to confirm if these ethical procedures are required for us. It strikes me that this is required for independent researchers, not us as a body. The AMS has never been asked to do this. We are looking into it further.

[Reports approved.]



## Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

---

- A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Ciara Bracken-Roche (report attached)
- B. Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – Adam Ali (report attached)
- C. Commissioner Reports**
  - a. Athletics Commissioner – Lindsay Ruitter (report attached)
  - b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Tahseen Chowdhury (report attached)
  - c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Chiedza Pasipanodya (report attached)
  - d. Social Commissioner – Yann Grand-Clement (report attached)
- D. Committee Reports**
- E. Other Reports**
  - a. University Rector – Cam Yung (no report)
  - b. Chief Returning Officer – Vacant (no report)

**F. Approval**

**MOTION 11/08/16:4**

Moved: Saba Farbodkia ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Stuart Clark ([vp.finance@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.finance@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.

Adam Ali: Feel free to shoot me an email!

Tahseen: We are looking for people to join the equity issues committee, send me an email as listed in my report! We want to develop an equity strategic plan and are looking for particular people from particular departments and faculties. Send us your members to apply!



### Agenda

November 8, 2016 - 5:30pm  
Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

Cam, Rector: Hi Everyone! I am Cam Yung the university Rector. I am the third officer of the University. I have 3 key areas: a) rep of grad and undergrad students at the board of trustees, b) here to offer personal support in regards to issues of academics, personal mental health, or relations with faculty and staff, and c) celebrating Queen's spirit! I will be working on convocations in the next couple of weeks. I also want to reiterate that the December board of trustees meeting is coming up. I want to focus on student financial aid and financial assistance, I want to focus on student issues on campus and bring this to discussions of balancing the books and find a focus on students in these conversations.

A fall term break is also being discussed, following the creation of a task force to research the issue. They are considering an extended long weekend or a full week, where it will be located, and how it will impact university orientation / faculty orientation (primarily for undergraduates) and whether it will impact pre-exam season. This is still an important issue for Graduates. Robert Sutherland Thursday at 5:30 there will be a town hall that you are invited to attend and bring your opinions. There will also be online polls that will be circulated to gather opinions.

In my discussions with Professional Woolf it has become apparent that there are concerns about alcohol use on campus, so if you have opinions or recommendations on how to improve this culture (evidenced by homecoming) please come chat with me. My office hours and location can be found on my Facebook page.

Finally, the truth and reconciliation implementation task force has been struck at Queen's and is working. The Canadian task force has submitted its report in July? There have been 4 meetings so far. I encourage members to get out and share their thoughts on these issues.

Valerie: Question about survey for fall reading week. Was it sent out by email? Is it only for undergraduates?

Cam: I think you can fill it out as well...

Saba: My understanding is that the fall reading week will only really affect the undergraduates, but it may affect graduates who are TAing.

Cam: The survey is available for all students. I encourage graduates to fill it out as well.

Lauren: are they considering programs with practicums?

Cam: yes, that is part of the issue and one factor they are considering. They are also looking at certification days for engineering programs.



### Agenda

November 8, 2016 - 5:30pm

Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

[Reports accepted.]



## Question Period & Departmental Issues

---

Speaker: thank you to the engineering and political studies departments that put forward reports on their departments. Does anyone else have issues to discuss?

???: We published an equity newsletter that just came out. One of the undergraduate students who works on it and distributes it had issues when they came to an SGPS office and the person they spoke to said they had to check with a manager or supervisor to see if they could distribute it. They took one copy, but the assumption was that the newsletter copy would be disregarded.

Stuart: meet me after the meeting, we'll figure it out and put them out.

Victoria: I am with Public Health, we are trying to get funding to run events. Is there a date?

Stuart: I signed the cheques yesterday, they will be out in a couple of days.



## Business Arising from the Minutes

---

### B. SGPS Chief Returning Officer

**MOTION 11/08/16:6**

Moved: Saba Farbodkia (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Stuart Clark (vp.finance@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council elect [name] as the Chief Returning Officer for the 2016-17 year.

Speaker: is there anyone who wants to nominate or self-nominate for this position? Seeing none we will push that to the next meeting.



## Main Motions

---

### A. Orientation Review Committee

**MOTION 11/08/16:7**

Moved: Stuart Clark

Seconded: Saba Farbodkia



### **Agenda**

November 8, 2016 - 5:30pm

Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

Whereas the VP Campaigns and Community Affairs stated that they would like to strike an Orientation Review Committee in their year plan;

BIRT that SGPS Council strike the Orientation Review Committee, to be comprised of: VP Campaigns and Community Affairs; a second member of the Executive (to be determined); the previous and current Social Commissioners; the current International Commissioner; the current Athletics Commissioner; the current Equity Commissioner; and 4 members at large (to be determined).

Stuart: we are looking to create consistent reviews for all of our services, grants, bursaries, etc. We also want a yearly review process for orientation week to review programming, assess events, and get direction as to how to plan for the future. WE are looking for a couple of people from Council to join this committee, which will be headed by Ana.

Cam: What does consistency mean? Effective, efficient? Benefit to SGPS students?

Stuart: Just to look at how successful programming is. Did a particular event do more successfully? Does a dance or semi formal go better? We just want a normal operating procedure to check.

Yaan: Is this just for this year or every year?

Stuart: It would ideally be every year and be the normal review mechanism. Keep it on the books so the next socials commissioner can use it to design their programming.

Lauren: What is the committee commitment?

Stuart: Ana will create a briefing document. It can be as much as 2 hours over one day, it depends on meeting time and reading reports. Under 3 hours at the most.

[Motion passes.]

Speaker: call for any interested Council members?

[Nobody raises a placard.]

Stuart: Come on, I can't go back with nothing.

Speaker: I enjoyed sitting on a committee!



### Agenda

November 8, 2016 - 5:30pm

Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

Stuart: email us if you change your minds!



## Other Business

---

Speaker: Any other business?

[No.]



## Notices of Motion & Announcements

---

- A. The SGPS Orientation Review Committee is seeking members.  
Please contact VP Campaigns and Community Affairs, Anastasiya Boika, at [vp.community@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.community@sgps.ca) to volunteer.
- B. The SGPS Fall General Meeting will take place Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM in Wallace Hall, which is located in the John Deutsch University Centre.  
Reports and motions for the Fall General Meeting are due by 4:30 PM on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- C. The next Council meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Sutherland Room, located in the John Deutsch University Centre.  
Reports and motions for the December Council meeting are due by 4:30 PM on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>.



## Adjournment

---

### A. Adjournment

**Motion 11/08/16:8**

Moved: Saba Forbodkia ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Stuart Clark ([vp.finance@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.finance@sgps.ca))

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

[6:50pm, Meeting Adjourned.]