



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 April 8th, 2014 6:30PM

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

Education, Training, and Awareness Group – New training for TAs (AODA mandatory training and implications).

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION **04/08/14:1**

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT the agenda for April 8th, 2014 Council meeting be adopted.

MOTION **04/08/14:2**

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

Seconded:

BIRT the minutes for the March 11th, 2014 Council meeting be accepted.

MOTION **04/08/14:3**

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

Seconded:

BIRT the minutes for the March 18th, 2014 General Meeting be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Iain Reeve (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Cody Yorke (report attached)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Meagan Crane (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- f. Executive Assistant – Andria Mahon (no report)
- g. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached)

MOTION

04/08/14:4

Moved: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

4. Senator, Board of Trustees, Commission, 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 – Margaux MacDonald (report attached)
 - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii. Equity Commissioner: Tabasum Akaseer (no report)
 - iv. International Students' Affairs Commissioner: Tian Lu (report attached)
- e. Other Reports
 - i. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)
 - ii. Chief Returning Officer – Laura Levick (report attached)
 - iii. Equity Coordinator – Colleen Webber (no report)
 - iv. Departmental Reports

MOTION

04/08/14:5

Moved: Cody Yorke (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

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

04/08/14:6

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas, the SGPS President currently sits on two ad hoc hiring/renewal committees that require consistent membership,

Whereas, the SGPS membership needs to be represented on such committees, and Whereas, there is previous precedent for exiting SGPS Executive members finishing work on such committees,

BIRT, SGPS Council grant Iain Reeve permission to represent the SGPS on the Advisory Committee on the Vice President of Advancement and the Teaching and Learning Hiring Committee until these committees have concluded their work.

MOTION

04/08/14:7

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas, concerns have been expressed about the degree to which the current composition of the SGPS and the nature of its executive, commissioner, coordinator, and staff positions are optimal to serve the SGPS membership,

Whereas, it is essential for a representative society such as the SGPS to regularly assess itself to ensure it is doing an optimal job of serving and representing its membership,

Whereas, the relative small size of the SGPS makes optimizing positions and structures even more imperative,

Whereas, such a review of SGPS structures and positions has not been undertaken since 2009-2010, and

Whereas, such a review requires intimate understanding of the SGPS, but could include a conflict of interest for current members of the staff of executive,

BIRT, SGPS Council task outgoing President Iain Reeve with producing a report on the effectiveness of the current SGPS' composition and executive and staff positions, BIFRT, that this report include recommendations about how to best structure the SGPS and its positions,

BIFRT, that this report include at least two distinct composition options — where one of which could be the status quo — along with detailed strengths and weaknesses of each approach,

BIFRT, that this report must be completed by July 31st, 2014, and

BIFRT, that the SGPS executive must bring the report to Council for discussion by September Council, 2014, with view to allow ample time for discussion, and to allow any bylaw changes to be made at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

MOTION

04/08/14:10

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas, the Student Senate Caucus (SSC) is an invaluable forum for meeting, sharing information, and developing shared priorities between graduate, professional, and undergraduate student senators and other interested parties, Whereas, formalized cooperation between all students in Senate — the principal academic decision making body of Queen's University — is an essential tool in achieving student needs,

Whereas, the SGPS President and Graduate Senator have consulted with the AMS President and the current SSC Chair in the crafting of this policy, and
Whereas, The AMS has agreed to pass an identical policy in AMS Assembly,

BIRT SGPS Council create a policy P.8.3 "Student Senate Caucus," as seen in the Appendix, and

BIFRT, SGPS Council create policy P.2.4.b (8) that reads as follows: "participating in Student Senate Caucus as per the terms in policy P.8.3."

MOTION

04/08/14:8

Moved: Laura Levick (cro@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT SGPS Council elect <insert name here> as the SGPS Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the 2014/2015 term.

MOTION

04/08/14:9

Moved: Laura Levick (cro@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas voter turnout in the 2014 SGPS Election and Referendum was greater than 10% of the SGPS membership; and

Whereas results can be found at: <http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/election.html>

BIRT the results of the 2014 SGPS Election and Referendum be ratified.

MOTION

04/08/14:10

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT SGPS Council elect <insert name here> as the SGPS Speaker for the 2014-2015 term.

8. Other Business

Discussion Item: Implications and framework surrounding SGPS logo use (Becky Pero).

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 by 4:00 pm.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

04/08/14:11

Moved: Meagan Crane (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

March Council Minutes

March General Meeting Minutes

March Council Attendance
April Reports
Information Item: Letter of Support (Committee of the Whole Changes)
Student Senate Caucus Policy