I. Presentations

A. None

II. Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

A. Adoption of the Agenda  

MOTION 12/08/15:1

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the December 8, 2015 Council Meeting.

B. Adoption of the Minutes  

MOTION 12/08/15:2

[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the November 10, 2015 Council Meeting.
Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports
   a. President – Chris Cochrane (report attached)
   b. VP Graduate – Mark Kellenberger (report attached)
   c. VP Professional – Mark Asfar (report attached)
   d. VP Finance & Services – Christina Huber (report attached)
   e. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Lorne Beswick (report attached)

B. Speaker Report
   a. Speaker – Eric Rapos (report attached)

C. Approval
   MOTION 12/08/15:3
   Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
   Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

A. Senator Report – Graduate Student Senator – Eric Rapos (report attached)
B. Trustee Report – Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod (no report)
C. Commissioner Reports
   a. Athletics Commissioner – Dominic Kucharski (no report)
   b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Erica Baker (no report)
   c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Sara Sidahmed (no report)
   d. Social Commissioner – vacant (no report)
D. Committee Reports
E. Other Reports
   a. University Rector – Mike Young (no report)
   b. Chief Returning Officer – Travis Skippon (no report)
   c. Departmental Reports (none received)
F. Approval
   MOTION 12/08/15:4
   Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
   Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.
V. Question Period & Departmental Issues
   A. None

VI. Business Arising from the Minutes
   A. None

VII. Main Motions
   A. Elections Team

   MOTION 12/08/15:5

   Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
   Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

   Whereas recent policy changes to remove the Deputy Returning Officer have left the SGPS Elections Team with only one member; and

   Whereas the SGPS Elections Team also participates in joint Rector Elections with the AMS, which requires substantial work;

   BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of the following policy to the beginning of Policy P.9.1 Elections In General:

   a. The SGPS Elections Team shall be defined as:
      i. the SGPS Chief Returning Officer, who shall be responsible for the main operations of the elections, and general oversight; and
      ii. the SGPS Speaker, who shall be responsible for interpretation of policy, and decision making with regards to penalties assessed.
B. Faculty Graduate Council Representatives

MOTION 12/08/15:6

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Mark Kellenberger (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas the SGPS is tasked with facilitating elections to the Faculty Graduate Councils for Arts and Science (Arts) Graduate Council, Arts and Science (Science) Graduate Council, and Health Science Graduate Council; and

Whereas during the initial election of Councilors to these positions only 3 of the 6 were filled;

BIRT that SGPS council appoint the following Councillors to the named positions:

- Health Sciences Graduate Council (Masters) – [insert name here]
- Health Sciences Graduate Council (PhD) – [insert name here]
- Arts and Science (Science) Graduate Council (Masters) – [insert name here]

BIFRT if any of these positions remain vacant following the approval of this motion, SGPS Council task the SGPS Executive with appointing a suitable representative to any vacant positions.
VIII. Other Business

A. SGPS Human Resources Changes

IX. Notices of Motion & Announcements

A. Notices of Motion
   a. No Notices of Motion Received

B. Announcements
   a. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 5:30pm in the McLaughlin Room. Motions and Reports are due to the Speaker no later than 4pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

X. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

   Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
   Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

   BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.