



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 January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 6:30PM

**McLaughlin Room, JDUC**

### 1. Presentations

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### 2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

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#### MOTION

01/14/14:1

Moved: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the agenda for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council meeting be adopted.

#### MOTION

01/14/14:2

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

Seconded:

BIRT the minutes for the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council meeting be accepted.

### 3. Executive and Speaker Reports

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- 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 – Vacant (no report)
- g. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached)

#### MOTION

01/14/14:3

Moved: Becky Pero ([vpg@sgps.ca](mailto:vpg@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

#### **4. Senator, Board of Trustees, Commission, Committee & Other Reports**

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- 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: 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. Communications Coordinator – Ian Maness (no report)
  - viii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)
  - ix. Chief Returning Officer – Laura Levick (no report)
  - x. Departmental Reports

#### **MOTION**

**01/14/14:4**

Moved: Cody Yorke ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

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

#### **5. Question Period/Departmental Issues**

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#### **6. Business Arising From the Minutes**

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## 7. Main Motions

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### **MOTION**

01/14/14:5

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)  
Seconded:

Whereas, post-secondary students in Egypt have faced significant repression at the hands of the state's military security forces,

BIRT SGPS Council endorse the letter of support from the Executive as seen in the Appendix.

### **MOTION**

01/14/14:6

Moved: Iain Reeve (president@sgps.ca)  
Seconded:

BIRT SGPS Council enter into Deliberative discussion on the following topic in accordance with procedures outlined at the December 2013 Council meeting:

"What new services or activities could the SGPS engage in to aid or assist graduate and professional students?"

### **MOTION**

01/14/14:7

Moved: Cody Yorke (vpp@sgps.ca)  
Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas B.18.2 appears to have an error,

BIRT B.18.2 be corrected to read as follows:

d. When another agency has imposed a sanction, the SGPS will consider that sanction when determining whether or not to adjudicate the complaint. External sanctions will, in general, be considered as 'time-served' with regard to SGPS-imposed sanctions.

e. Promotion of SGPS Judicial Committee Bylaw and Policy: The Complaints Officer will make this Bylaw, as well as Policy P.11, and their own contact information known to the AMS, Senate Committee on Non-Academic Discipline (SONAD) and Campus Security.

### **MOTION**

01/14/14:8

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

Whereas, Queen's ranks amongst the top ten research-intensive universities in Canada, prides itself on research excellence, and recognizes the inextricable link that binds teaching and research, with the common fundamental thread of learning.  
(<http://www.queensu.ca/vpr/SRP/SRPMay2012Final.pdf>)

Whereas, the indirect costs of research are in large part assumed by postsecondary institutions. Indirect costs encompass all the administrative, maintenance, and necessary upgrade expenses to offer a propitious context for the successful completion of research activities. In 2013, Canadian postsecondary institutions defrayed more than \$287 million to ensure the indirect costs of research.

Whereas, the federal government currently only ensures 21.5% of indirect costs which is far from the initial 40% objective of the *Indirect Costs Program*. This creates a significant shortfall for universities who must draw from their operating funds to cover these indispensable costs for the completion of research projects, depriving graduate students of better funding for their research training and better pedagogical and financial support to successfully carry out their study projects.

BIRT SGPS Council lend our support to the FEUQ, Quebec University Students Federation's campaign which recommends that the Indirect Cost Program increases its refund to 40%.

BIFRT SGPS Council sign the letter (see appendix) to the Canadian Minister of State (Science and Technology, and Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario), responsible for the Indirect Cost Program, requesting an improvement in the refund at a level of 40%.

#### **MOTION**

**01/14/14:9**

Moved: Sarah Barnes

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas, the SGS has recently created the position of an embedded Councilor with a broad mandate to implement customized, responsive services to support the mental health and well-being of grad students at Queen's, and;

Whereas, members of the Queen's graduate community have expressed an interest in ensuring that the embedded Councilor position adequately addresses the needs of Queen's graduate students, and;

Whereas, the SGPS has an interest in performing an ongoing evaluation of the efficacy of the embedded Councilor position with the goal of providing continuous feedback to contribute towards the evolving services offered by the embedded Councilor,

BIRT SGPS Council strike a Mental Health Working Group to gather feedback from members of the Queen's graduate community on the efficacy of the services offered by the embedded Councilor position,

BIFRT the membership of this working group be the VP Graduate (Chair), the Equity Commissioner, Andrea Phillipson, Sarah Barnes, and have a target membership size of 6, drawn from members-at-large,

BIFRT the Mental Health Working Group provide a minimum of one report to Council on the strengths and weaknesses of the embedded Councilor position by February 2015,

BIFRT the Mental Health Working Group be dissolved on December 1st, 2015.

## **8. Other Business**

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## **9. Notice of Motions & Announcements**

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- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by 4:00 pm.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## **10. Adjournment**

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### **MOTION**

**10/14/14:10**

Moved: Meagan Crane (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

01/14/14

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Attached:

Letter of Support – Egypt Post-Secondary Students

Letter – Indirect Costs of Research

December 10<sup>th</sup> minutes

December 10<sup>th</sup> attendance

January reports