



## Agenda

January 12, 2016 - 5:30pm  
McLaughlin Room, John Deutsch University Centre



### Presentations

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- A. Initiative for Syrian Refugees – Adam Grotsky



### Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

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- A. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION 01/12/16:1**

Moved: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Mark Asfar ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the January 12, 2016 Council Meeting.

- B. Adoption of the Council Minutes  
[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]

**MOTION 01/12/16:2**

Moved: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Mark Asfar ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

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

- C. Adoption of the General Meeting Minutes  
[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]

**MOTION 01/12/16:3**

Moved: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Mark Asfar ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the November 24, 2015 General Meeting.



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### Executive & Speaker Reports

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#### 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 01/12/16:4**

Moved: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Mark Asfar ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.



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

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#### 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 (report attached)
- b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Erica Baker (report attached)
- c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Sara SidAhmed (report attached)
- 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 (report attached)
- c. Departmental Reports (none received)

#### F. Approval

**MOTION 01/12/16:5**

Moved: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Mark Asfar ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

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



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## Question Period & Departmental Issues

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A. None



## Business Arising from the Minutes

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A. None



## Main Motions

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A. **General Meeting Date**

**MOTION 01/12/16:6**

Moved: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Mark Asfar ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

BIRT the SGPS General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 10, 2016 be moved forward 1 day to February 9, 2016 to allow for a Debate during the Elections Campaign Period.



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**B. Elections Timelines**

**MOTION 01/12/16:7**

Moved: Travis Skippon ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Whereas Elections and Referenda policy dictates the specific dates and timelines for SGPS Elections and Referenda;

BIRT SGPS Council Approve the following timelines for the 2016 SGPS Election and Referendum:

Date	Day #	Day of Week	Event
Jan 15, 2016	1	FRI	Nominations open
Jan 22, 2016	8	FRI	Advertisement of uncontested positions
Jan 28, 2016	14	THU	Nominations close (at 4:00 PM)
Jan 29 2016	15	FRI	Campaign Period begins (at 12:00 AM)
Feb 9, 2016	26	TUE	Campaign Period ends (at 11:59 PM)
Feb 10-11, 2016	27,28	WED,THU	Voting Days

**C. Rector Election Spending Limit**

**MOTION 01/12/16:8**

Moved: Travis Skippon ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve a \$300 spending limit for the 2016 Rector Election.

**D. Referendum Question Addition (Class B Mandatory)**

**MOTION 01/12/16:9**

Moved: Travis Skippon ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Queen’s Work Bursary Class B Mandatory fee (indexed to inflation) of \$5.30 be put to referendum in the following form: *“Should the SGPS renew a Class B Mandatory fee (indexed to inflation) of \$5.30 for Queen’s Work Bursary? This fee last went to referendum in 2009-2010.”*



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**E. Referendum Question Addition (Class B Mandatory) MOTION 01/12/16:10**

Moved: Travis Skippon ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Athletics and Recreation Class B Mandatory fee (indexed to inflation) of \$165.76 be put to referendum in the following form: *"Should the SGPS renew a Class B Mandatory fee (indexed to inflation) of \$165.76 for Athletics and Recreation? This fee last went to referendum in 2009-2010."*

**F. Referendum Question Addition (Class B Optional) MOTION 01/12/16:11**

Moved: Travis Skippon ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve that the QISS Bursary Program Class B Optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.70 be put to referendum in the following form: *"Should the SGPS renew a Class B Optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.70 for the QISS Bursary Program? This fee last went to referendum in 2009-2010."*

**G. Referendum Question Addition (Class B Optional) MOTION 01/12/16:12**

Moved: Travis Skippon ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Student Refugee Support Class B Optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$3.32 be put to referendum in the following form: *"Should the SGPS renew a Class B Optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$3.32 for Student Refugee Support? This fee last went to referendum in 2009-2010."*

**H. Referendum Question Addition (Class B Optional) MOTION 01/12/16:13**

Moved: Travis Skippon ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Sexual Health Resource Centre Class B Optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.91 be put to referendum in the following form: *"Should the SGPS renew a Class B Optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.91 for the Sexual Health Resource Centre? This fee last went to referendum in 2009-2010."*



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### **I. Commission Review**

**MOTION 01/12/16:14**

Moved: Debra Mackinnon, Department of Sociology

Seconded: Nakkiran Arulmozhi, Department of Chemistry

Whereas the SGPS has a responsibility to provide services to its members through various Commissions (hereafter the 'Commission') that promote community, networking, provide support for, and social activities for graduate and professional students at Queen's by organizing regular and ongoing social and athletic events, and the Commission is a well-established service of the SGPS and is essential for the membership; and

Whereas the membership pays Student Society fees that contribute to Commissions continual and normal provision of services; and

Whereas at a special meeting on 27 October 2015 to restructure commissions, extend current staff contracts, to ensure a smooth running of services, and facilitate transition periods between outgoing and incoming staff across all Commissions and the SGPS Council approved these motions; and

Whereas the Commission changes do not reflect the dialogue between the SGPS Executive and Executive Director and Commissioners and Coordinators, despite Commission Staff willingness to participate in the process; and

Whereas Commissioners and Coordinators expressed concerns about the restructuring of commissions and the hiring process, and how these changes may interfere with the Commission being able to provide member services; and

Whereas the SGPS Executive asked for an extension of staff contracts to facilitate an appropriate transition between old and new Commissioners; and

Whereas no sufficient transition occurred and the hiring processes are unclear for commissions and the expectations of transitions are also unclear; and

Whereas no athletic or social events have been run by the SGPS since November 2015 as well as no indication of future events to come; and

Whereas the Social Commissioner position remains vacant; and



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Whereas the SGPS is bound by the SGPS Bylaws and Policies, specifically P.4 Transition Policy, but where the SGPS Bylaws and Policies are not clear about how the transition will be carried out or what is required of Commissioners; and where a lack of clear guidelines for Commissioners does not safeguard institutional memory as commissions transition from year to year;

BIFRT that the SGPS Executive either reappoints the former Social Commissioner or appoints a new Social Commissioner, by the end of January 2016, so that members can expect the social program that they pay for through their membership fees;

BIFRT SGPS Council task the Human Resources Standing Committee to conduct an in-depth review of the Commissions of the SGPS to carefully consider and thoughtfully research the recent Commission Changes and possible Commission improvements. This review shall involve consultation with the current Commissioners as well as former Commissioners and Coordinators;

BIFRT the Commission Review shall be presented by the Human Resources Standing Committee back to SGPS Council by May 2015;

BIFRT following the Commission Review, the Bylaw & Policy Revisions Standing Committee be tasked with ensuring that the requirements and expectations of the Commission positions are clearly outlined in Bylaw and Policy, along with proper hiring processes which are both transparent and equitable.



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## **Other Business**

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**A. None**



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## Notices of Motion & Announcements

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### A. Notices of Motion

- a. There will be motions regarding Student Fee Renewal for student fees able to be renewed by Council rather than referendum. The following fees (sorted by class) will be up for renewal:
  - i. Class A Mandatory
    - 1. CFRC Radio (\$7.50)
    - 2. Queen's Journal (\$3.50)
  - ii. Class A Optional
    - 1. International Affairs Association (\$1.00)
    - 2. Grad Club (\$20.00)
    - 3. Queen's Food Centre (\$1.25)
    - 4. Kingston Coalition Against Poverty (KCAP) (\$2.50)
    - 5. Loving Spoonful (\$2.00)
  - iii. Class B Optional (indexed to inflation)
    - 1. Positive Space Program (\$0.33)
    - 2. Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) (\$4.66)
    - 3. Kingston Youth Shelter (\$0.98)

### B. Announcements

- a. The SGPS Annual General Meeting will take place on **<final date will be announced at meeting as result of Motion 01/12/16:6> at 5:30pm** at a location to be announced. Motions and Reports are due to the Speaker **no later than 10 days prior** to the Annual General Meeting.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 5:30pm** in the McLaughlin Room. Motions and Reports are due to the Speaker **no later than 4pm on Tuesday, February 16, 2016**.





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## Adjournment

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### A. Adjournment

**Motion 01/12/16:15**

Moved: Chris Cochrane ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Mark Asfar ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.