



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, March 8th 2011, 5:30pm
Robert Sutherland Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

03/08/11:1

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the agenda for March 8th, 2011 be adopted.

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03/08/11:2

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the minutes for the February Council Meeting be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a) President – Jawad Qureshy (report attached)
- b) VP Graduate – Daniel Moore (report attached)
- c) VP Professional – Shaughnessy Hawkins (report attached)
- d) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)
- e) VP Finance and Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- f) Speaker – Michael Bravo (no report)

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03/08/11:3

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

4. Committee, Commissioner, Senator, B of T and Other Reports

- a) Graduate Student Senator – Iain Reeve (report attached)
- b) Board of Trustees – Benjamin Grant (no report)
- c) Committee Reports
- d) Commissioner Reports
 - i) Social Commissioner – Abdullah Abunafeesa (report attached)
 - ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii) Equity Commissioner: Carolyn Prouse (report attached)
- e) Other Reports
 - i) Equity Coordinator – Kalanthe Khaiat (report attached)
 - ii) International Students Coordinator – Amir Nosrat and Becky Pero (report attached)
 - iii) Sustainability Coordinator – Ivana Zelenika (report attached)
 - iv) Athletics Coordinator – Amanda Leonard (no report)
 - v) Logistics Coordinator – Corey Valinsky (no report)
 - vi) Planning Coordinator – Nicole McCallum (no report)
 - vii) Rector – Nick Day (no report)
 - viii) Chief Returning Officer – Mikhail Kellawan (report attached)
 - ix) Departmental Reports

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03/08/11:4

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT Senator/Board of Trustees/Commissioner/ Coordinator / Committee, and Other reports be accepted.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

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03/08/11:5

MOVED _____/_____ BIRT Council take from the table Motion 02/08/11:27 – KGH Foodservice Contract from the February Council Meeting.

7. Main Motions

MOTION

03/08/11:6

MOVED _____/_____ BIRT B.9.2a be amended as follows:

The following constitute the Appointees of Council, and shall be responsible for assisting Council and the Executive with a specific aspect of the SGPS' operations, and are responsible for reporting to Council:

- (1) Communications Commissioner
- (2) Social Commissioner
- | (3) Equity Commissioner
- (4) International Students Affairs Commissioner
- (4) Education Coordinator
- (5) Equity Coordinator
- | (6) International Students Affairs Coordinator
- (7) Web Coordinator (webmaster)
- (8) Logistics Coordinator
- (9) Planning Coordinator
- (10) Athletics Coordinator
- (11) Layout Coordinator

MOTION

03/08/11:7

Moved _____/_____ BIRT that the following P.2.10 be removed and replaced with the following

P.2.1.10 International Students Affairs Commissioner

- a. The mandate of the International Students Affairs Commissioner shall be to foster an increased awareness of issues facing international students on campus and endeavour towards finding and implementing means to address these issues with appropriate people and entities on and off campus.
- b. The minimal duties of the International Students Affairs Commissioner shall be to:
 - (i) ensure constant representation of Queen`s University`s international student opinions, concerns, and issues in the Equity Issues Standing Committee, Campaign and Community Affairs Standing Committee, the SGPS Council, Queen`s University International Centre Council, UHIP Compliance Working Group, Graduate Student Life Working Group, TAFE`s various bargaining and executive teams, the Rector`s Office, the SGPS Student Advisors program, the SGPS Social committee, provincial or national student organizations such as the Canadian Federation of Students, administrators that frequently deal with international student issues, and any pertinent University Senate or Board of Trustees committees.
 - (ii) ensure regular meetings of the SGPS International Students Standing Committee;

- (iii) advise the SGPS Executive, Council, SGPS Trustee, and student Senators on how to approach and tackle international student issues;
 - (iv) lobby the Board of Trustees, University Senate, and the Alma-Mater Society to address international student issues with the help of student representatives;
 - (v) establish and maintain communication with international students and groups on campus;
 - (vi) establish and maintain communication with equity-seeking groups on campus;
 - (vii) guide and assist SGPS, AMS, and University research on international student issues and concerns;
 - (viii) guide and assist the development of policies regarding international student issues at the SGPS, AMS, and/or University level; and
 - (ix) promote the organization of social, academic, outreach and political events pertaining to international students.
- c. The International Student Affairs Commissioner shall at least promote the following causes:
- (i) the reduction of financial barriers facing international students as a result of tuition fees;
 - (ii) the promotion of grants and bursaries designated for or favouring international students;
 - (iii) the reduction and/or removal of financial barriers facing international students as a result of the University Health Insurance Premium;
 - (iv) improved coverage and quality of service provided by the University Health Insurance Premium;
 - (v) academic resources such as courses, databases, research funding, and researchers that focus on non-Western and non-North American themes;
 - (vi) the designation and construction of centralized and visible social space, housing, and services for international students;
 - (vii) sensitizing professors, staff, and students to international student needs and issues of diversity;
 - (viii) sensitizing SGPS staff to international student needs and issues;
 - (ix) support services aimed at reducing cultural barriers;
 - (x) support services aimed at addressing culture shock;
 - (xi) support services aimed at generating exit opportunities for international student graduates;
 - (xii) supervisory relations that favour international students;
 - (xiii) and SGPS research on international student issues.

- d. The International Student Affairs Commissioner shall perform their responsibilities with the assistance, delegation, and recommendations of the International Student Affairs Coordinator.
- e. The International Student Affairs Commissioner shall report to and communicate jointly with the VP Campaigns and Community Affairs, VP Graduate, and the President of the SGPS.

P.2.1.11 International Student Affairs Coordinator

- a. The mandate of the International Student Affairs Coordinator shall be to foster an increased awareness of issues facing international students on campus and endeavour towards finding and implementing means to address these issues with appropriate people and entities on and off campus.
- b. The minimal duties of the International Student Affairs Coordinator shall be to:
 - (i) chair the International Student Standing Committee in the event that no other members of the committee other than paid SGPS staff and appointees volunteer for this task;
 - (ii) supporting and advising the International Student Affairs Commissioner in their work;
 - (iii) attending meetings and committees as delegated by the International Student Affairs Commissioner;
 - (iv) organizing any events or workshops that affect international students;
 - (v) assisting in the development of policies and research pertaining to international students; and
 - (vi) uphold SGPS policies that favour international students.
- c. The International Student Affairs Coordinator shall report to the International Student Affairs Commissioner.

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03/08/11:8

MOVED _____/_____ BIFRT P.2.5.2b be amended as follows
 Stipends are paid monthly, with the total amount paid over the term
 responsibility being as follows:

- (1) President \$15,500.00
- (2) VP Graduate \$12,000.00
- (3) VP Professional \$12,000.00
- (4) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs \$12,000.00
- (5) VP Finance and Services \$12,000.00
- (6) Commissioners \$6000.00
- (7) Equity Coordinator \$2000.00
- (8) Layout Coordinator \$2000.00
- (9) Education Coordinator \$1000.00
- (10) Sustainability Coordinator \$2000.00
- (11) International Students Affairs Coordinator \$2000.00

- (12) Web Coordinator \$1500.00
- (13) Speaker \$2000.00
- (14) Deputy Speaker \$500.00
- (15) Chief Returning Officer \$600.00
- (16) Student Senators \$200.00
- (17) SGPS Trustee \$200.00

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03/08/11:9

Whereas the SGPS budget is to be revisited;

Moved ____Burford-Grinnell / _____ BIRT the Regular Employee line be increased by \$12,100 as follows;

Remove \$7500 from Part time employees line;
remove \$3000 from Conflict Resolution Training line;
remove \$1600 from Executive Internal line.

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03/08/11:10

Whereas a letter is included in the appendix to Councilor's package expressing support for the PSAC 901 Bargaining Team during their negotiations with the university labour representatives;

Whereas the Executive hopes that this letter accurately reflects Council's opinion on the matter

Moved ___Moore___ / _____ BIRT Council endorses this letter and charges the Executive to send copies to the PSAC 901 Bargaining Team, members of the University's negotiating team, and the Office of the Provost.

MOTION

03/08/11:11

Whereas the Academic Affairs Standing Committee has submitted a draft FAQ to Council this month (appendix; see also flow chart) regarding a stipendiary employment option for graduate Research Assistants;

Whereas the AASC wrote this FAQ by submitting questions to the School of Graduate Studies who replied with input from their law firm (Bergen & Associates);

Whereas the AASC decided last month that a series of follow-up questions were needed to clarify the substance of certain answers and to request further information;

Whereas the final set of answers were provided and feedback from Council is sought to ensure these are satisfactory;

Whereas the SGS has indicated they will proceed to implement the stipendiary employment option through Human Resources and other units;

Moved ___Moore___ / _____ BIRT the AASC edit the FAQ for presentation to SGPS members at large.

BIRFT the AASC write a preamble to the FAQ to introduce SGPS members to the change the SGS will introduce to RA employment options at Queen's.

BIRFT the AASC draft a letter to the SGS requesting information sessions for graduate RAs on campus regarding the new employment option.

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03/08/11:12

Whereas Career Services has requested the SGPS's written support for their Graduate Enterprise Internship Program (GEIP) proposal (appendix);

Whereas the Executive believes Career Services' proposal could benefit a number of SGPS members in the sciences and engineering, particularly those who might be interested in employment in the Kingston area during and after their studies;

Whereas the Executive also has concerns about the how the program will seek to build stronger ties between the post-secondary and the corporate sectors (i.e. its hopes "to create virtuous loop of investment, technology transfer, and innovation" "between university, business, and local/regional economic development agencies" (p. 2));

Whereas the Executive remains unclear regarding how the collaboration proposed above will impact the autonomy of the academic units involved;

Whereas the Executive hopes that the university will practice caution when bringing corporate, economic, and business interests and influences into its sphere;

BIRT ___Moore___ / _____ SGPS Council endorses Career Service's proposal and charges the Executive to send Council's written support in writing.

BIFRT Council charges the Executive to write a letter to Career Services 1) expressing Council's reservations about the proposal concerning the impact that collaboration with private interests may have on education at Queen's, and 2) expressing Council's wish that the program's design will attempt reduce any unforeseen, formal, or informal influence private interests may exert at the university via this program.

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03/08/11:13

BIRT Jawad Quareshy/_____ the SGPS take \$307 from the President's salary and make out a cheque to Chad Winch for the same amount.

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the Annual General Council meeting are due Tuesday, March 15th, 2010.

The next Annual General Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22th, 2010.

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, April 5th, 2010.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th, 2010.

10. Adjournment

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03/08/11:14

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:
February Minutes
Attendance February Meeting
March Reports
Appendix – 1