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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27

## AGENDA

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council

*Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students*

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 5:30PM

**John Orr Room, JDUC**

### 1. Presentations

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### 2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

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#### MOTION

03/12/13:1

Moved: Matthew Scribner ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Matthew Shultz ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

BIRT the agenda for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council meeting be adopted.

#### MOTION

03/12/13:2

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

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

BIRT the minutes for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council meeting be accepted.

### 3. Executive and Speaker Reports

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- a. President – Matthew Scribner (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – David Francis (no report)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Matthew Shultz (no report)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- f. Executive Assistant – Anne-Marie Grondin (no report)
- g. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached)

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:3**

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

Seconded: Matthew Scribner ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

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

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- a. Graduate Student Senator – Terry Bridges (report attached)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – Tony Gkotsis (no report)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
  - i. Social Commissioner – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (no report)
  - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
  - iii. Equity Commissioner: Robin Westland (report attached)
  - iv. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner: Holly McIndoe (report attached)
- e. Other Reports
  - i. Equity Coordinator – Tian Lu (report attached)
  - ii. International Students’ Affairs Coordinator: Kris Singh (report attached)
  - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Jack Wallace (no report)
  - iv. Athletics Coordinator – Chris Harris (no report)
  - v. Logistics Coordinator – Ciara Bracken-Roche (no report)
  - vi. Planning Coordinator – Margaux MacDonald (no report)
  - vii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)
  - viii. Chief Returning Officer – Eric Rapos (report attached)
  - ix. Departmental Reports

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:4**

Moved: Matthew Shultz ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

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

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

03/12/13:5

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

Seconded: Terry Bridges ([senator@sgps.ca](mailto:senator@sgps.ca))

Whereas "timely completion" has been arbitrarily identified as 2 years for Master's students and 4 for Ph.D. students by the School of Graduate Studies (SGS);

And whereas the issue of time to completion has been problematized by the SGS, particularly the completion of degree programs beyond the above-stated times;

And whereas the Graduate Studies Executive Council (GSEC) seeks to pass a motion at the Council's March meeting to redefine and reduce the number of time limit extensions a student can access at the end of their SGS designated degree time;

And whereas the proposed policies do not acknowledge that program completion rates at institutions across Canada vary exceedingly, where the average completion for doctoral programs in the sciences ranges from 5 to 6 years and in the social sciences and humanities, 6+ years;

And whereas the SGS' definition of "timely" completion does not take into account the wide array of structural issues that are beyond students' control, including, but not limited to: high tuition fees, lack of funding, poor supervisory relationships, demanding/too many program degree requirements, etc.;

And whereas the proposed policies could have negative consequences for graduate students, including added stress;

BIRT the SGPS Council write a letter addressed to GSEC that rejects the proposed regulation changes for Time Limits for Completion of Programs and Extension of Time Limits.

BIFRT the SGPS Council task Becky Pero and Terry Bridges to vote against the above-stated policies at GSEC's March meeting.

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:7**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

Whereas SGPS Policy P.9.1.g states “An all candidates debate shall be held during the campaign period, and whenever possible should coincide with the Winter Term General Meeting. The debate shall take place during the second week of the campaign period to ensure that candidates running for positions with extended nomination periods can participate. The SGPS Speaker shall moderate the debate.”; and

Whereas it has been considered more appropriate that the debate be moderated by the Chief Returning Officer, the individual in charge of elections; and

Whereas SGPS Bylaw B.10.d states “Any changes to policies or bylaws with respect to elections and referenda do not come into effect until after any election or referendum for which the date had already been set when the change in bylaw or policy was adopted.”;

BIRT SGPS Council approve the replacement of “SGPS Speaker” with “SGPS CRO” in Policy P.9.1.g, not taking effect until after this election; and

BIFRT SGPS Council will allow the CRO to moderate this year’s debate.

Mandatory Fees for Renewal at Referendum:

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:8**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Queen’s Journal Class A mandatory fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$3.50 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS renew a Class A mandatory fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$3.50 for the Queen’s Journal? This fee last went to referendum in 2006/2007.”*

Optional Fees for Renewal at Referendum:

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:9**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the International Affairs Association Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$1.00 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS renew a Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$1.00 for the International Affairs Association? This fee last went to referendum in 2006/2007.”*

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:10**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Grad Club Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$20.00 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS renew a Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$20.00 for the Grad Club? This fee last went to referendum in 2006/2007.”*

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:11**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Kingston Coalition Against Poverty (KCAP) Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$2.50 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS renew a Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$2.50 for the Kingston Coalition Against Poverty (KCAP)? This fee last went to referendum in 2006/2007.”*

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:12**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Positive Space Program Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.30 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS renew a Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.30 for the Positive Space Program? This fee last went to referendum in 2006/2007.”*

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:13**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$4.48 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS renew a Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$4.48 for the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)? This fee last went to referendum in 2006/2007.”*

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:14**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Kingston Youth Shelter Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.95 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS renew a Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.95 for the Kingston Youth Shelter? This fee last went to referendum in 2006/2007.”*

Mandatory Fees for Renewal at Council:

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:15**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Queen’s Work Bursary Class B mandatory fee (indexed to inflation) of \$5.09 be renewed. This fee last went to referendum in 2009/2010.

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:16**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Athletics and Recreation Class B mandatory fee (indexed to inflation) of \$160.51 be renewed. This fee last went to referendum in 2009/2010.

Optional Fees for Renewal at Council:

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:17**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Queen’s International Student Society (QISS) Bursary Program Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.67 be renewed. This fee last went to referendum in 2009/2010.

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:18**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Student Refugee Support Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$3.19 be renewed. This fee last went to referendum in 2009/2010.

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:19**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Sexual Health Resource Centre Class B optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$0.88 be renewed. This fee last went to referendum in 2009/2010.

Mandatory Fees for Increase at Referendum:

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:20**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the CFRC Class A mandatory fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$3.75 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS increase a Class A mandatory fee (not indexed to inflation) from \$3.75 to \$7.50 (an increase of \$3.75 per student) for the CFRC? This fee last went to referendum in 2010/2011.”*

Optional Fees for Increase at Referendum:

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:21**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the Queen’s Food Centre Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$1.00 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS increase a Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) from \$1.00 to \$1.25 (an increase of \$0.25 per student) for the Queen’s Food Centre? This fee last went to referendum in 2006/2007.”*

Optional Fees for Establishment at Referendum:

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:22**

Moved: Eric Rapos ([cro@sgps.ca](mailto:cro@sgps.ca))

Seconded:

BIRT the establishment of a Loving Spoonful Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$2.00 be put to referendum in the following form:

*“Should the SGPS establish a Class A optional fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$2.00 for Loving Spoonful.”*

**MOTION**

**03/12/13:23**

Moved: James MacLeod ([speaker@sgps.ca](mailto:speaker@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Jennifer Parker ([7jip@queensu.ca](mailto:7jip@queensu.ca))

Whereas the non-academic sanctions available to the SGPS Judicial Board are restrictive and not appropriate for all offences encountered,

BIRT SGPS Council add to P.11.4:

(9) tri-pub ban (Clark Hall Pub, Queen's Pub, Alfies), along with written recommendation of a ban to the Graduate Club;

(10) peer health sanctioned workshops, or appropriate educational programming, as offered by Queen's Health, Counselling, and Disability Services;

## **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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- c. The SGPS Annual General Meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM in Wallace Hall.

## **10. Adjournment**

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### **MOTION**

**03/12/13:24**

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

Seconded: Matthew Scribner ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

February Minutes

February Attendance

March Reports

International Orientation Project Proposal