



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, May 10th, 2011, 5:30pm
Robert Sutherland Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

05/10/11:1

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the agenda for May 10th, 2011 be adopted.

MOTION

05/10/11:2

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the minutes for the April 12th, 2011 council meeting be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a) President – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- b) VP Graduate – Irene Karagiorgakis (report attached)
- c) VP Professional – Mark Noble (report attached)
- d) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)
- e) VP Finance and Services – Andrea Phillipson (report attached)
- f) Speaker – Eric Rapos (report attached)

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05/10/11:3

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

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

- a) Graduate Student Senator – Daniel Moore (report attached)
- b) Board of Trustees – Benjamin Grant (no report)
- c) Committee Reports (no reports)
- d) Commissioner Reports
 - i) Social Commissioner – Abdullah Abunafeesa (report attached)
 - ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii) Equity Commissioner: Elizabeth Amirault (no report)
 - iv) International Students Affairs Commissioner: Becky Pero (no report)
- e) Other Reports
 - i) Equity Coordinator – VACANT (no report)
 - ii) International Students Coordinator – Holly McIndoe (no report)
 - iii) Sustainability Coordinator – Ivana Zelenika (report attached)
 - iv) Athletics Coordinator – Meghan Frauts (no report)
 - v) Logistics Coordinator – Chris Groten (no report)
 - vi) Planning Coordinator – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (no report)
 - vii) Rector – Nick Day (no report)
 - viii) Chief Returning Officer – Mikhail Kellawan (report attached)
 - ix) Departmental Reports

MOTION

05/10/11:4

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

7. Main Motions

MOTION

05/10/11:5

Whereas the SGPS policies surrounding the SGPS listserv require updating; and

Whereas the SGPS requires a policy for the E-Newsletter.

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT P.10.1 be repealed in its entirety.

BIFRT the following policies be added (in part to replace the repealed P.10.1):

P.10.X SGPS Membership Listserv

a. A membership listserv will be maintained by Queen's University IT as per the agreement approved by council in October 2005. As members can permanently unsubscribe from the list, it is important that the list only be used for information relevant to a majority of the members. Thus the following policy shall be used.

b. The list shall usually be used twice per month (coincidental with the release of the E-Newsletter P.10.Z) and be restricted to the following content:

- Information regarding fees, opt-outs, and opt-ins
- Changes or information regarding the health and dental plan
- Information regarding referenda and elections
- Information regarding positions available at the SGPS
- Information regarding SGPS social gatherings and events
- Messages from the Executive that respond to issues of immediate significance to the membership.
- Information pertinent to the SGPS membership
- A link to the SGPS E-Newsletter
- A list of the content contained in the SGPS E-Newsletter (in the form of newsletter item titles)

c. The President, as the moderator of the SGPS mailing list, shall be responsible for monitoring the numbers of un-subscriptions from the list-serve and for ensuring the Executive is aware of significant changes to the list size.

d. The listserv may be used beyond the twice per month limit (as outlined in P.10.X.b) in situations where the membership must receive information that would otherwise be late if delayed until the next normal usage of the SGPS listserv. Discretion to use the list beyond the normal limit (as outlined in P.10.X.b) shall rest with the Communications Commissioner and the President (as the moderator of the list).

P.10.Y SGPS Council Membership E-Mail List

a. The Executive Director shall keep an email list of Council representatives.

b. The name, e-mail address and department of Council representatives shall be posted on the SGPS website.

c. The SGPS Speaker or Executive Director may send e-mails to the Council membership e-mail list and ask them to forward messages to their membership concerning health and dental opt-outs or opt-ins, other opt-in and opt-out deadlines, elections, referenda or other information that may be useful to SGPS members.

d. The e-mail alias of the Council Membership E-Mail List shall be obfuscated and kept confidential so individuals other than the SGPS Speaker or Executive Director are unable to use the list.

e. E-Mail messages sent to the Council Membership E-Mail List shall be sent addressed to the Executive Director and bcc'd to the Council Membership E-Mail List.

P.10.Z SGPS E-Newsletter

a. The SGPS Communications Commissioner shall publish an E-Newsletter semi-monthly.

b. The E-Newsletter shall usually be released on the 15th of the month and on the last day of the month.

c. Where the dates set in P.10.Z.b fall on a weekend or a holiday, the E-Newsletter may be delayed until the next regular business day.

d. The E-Newsletter shall be posted in portable document format (pdf) on the SGPS website. A link to the E-Newsletter shall be sent via the SGPS Membership Listserv as detailed in P.10.X (SGPS Membership Listserv).

e. The E-Newsletter shall be used for the following content (though is not limited to the following):

- Content that is deemed appropriate and acceptable for release to the SGPS membership
- Information regarding fees, opt-outs, and opt-ins
- Changes or information regarding the health and dental plan
- Information regarding referenda and elections
- Information regarding positions available at the SGPS
- Information regarding SGPS social gatherings and events
- Information regarding community social gatherings and events
- Messages from the Executive or Staff of the SGPS
- Messages from Queen's University
- Information pertinent to the SGPS membership
- Information submitted by SGPS members for release to the membership

f. The E-Newsletter shall not be used for the following content:

- Information supporting one side of any referendum question
- Information supporting any candidate for an SGPS election
- Information that is in violation or appears to be in violation of any relevant legislation or the University Code of Conduct, specifically information that

is discriminating based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, social status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

- Information deemed inappropriate for distribution to the membership by the SGPS Communications Commissioner and the SGPS President. When the Communications Commissioner and the President do not reach a consensus, the SGPS Executive, by way of majority vote, will decide if an item should be included in the E-Newsletter. If the Executive is not able to vote, for any reason, the default action will be not to include the item in the E-Newsletter.

g. The E-Newsletter shall be approved by the SGPS President prior to being posted on the SGPS website and prior to notification via the SGPS Membership Listserv.

MOTION

05/10/11:6

Whereas Via Rail recently amalgamated its 'Youth (12-25)' and 'Student' discount packages, thereby eliminating the discounted provision for ISIC cardholders and only providing discounts for students 25 years or younger; and

Whereas this decision adversely affects a significant proportion of our membership who are older than 25; and

Whereas many of our members rely on Via Rail to travel to and from their scholarly practices; thereby

Moved ___Anne-Marie Grondin / _____ BIRT Council endorse a letter of objection to Via Rail's decision to eliminate the ISIC discount for train travel.

MOTION

05/10/11:7

Whereas the SGPS conducted a referendum; and

Whereas 16.83% of members voted in the referendum.

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT SGPS Council ratify the results of the SGPS Referendum concerning the Rector.

MOTION

05/10/11:8

Whereas the budget allocated \$5500.00 to accounting, but the actual cost was \$7288.49, causing a deficit in that category of \$1788.49

BIRT the Accounting line in Schedule 3 be increased by \$1788.49 as follows:

remove \$1788.49 from Elections in Schedule 3

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9th, 2011.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

05/10/11:9

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

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Attached:

April Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance April Council Meeting

May Reports

Appendices to Motions