



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 8th, 2012, 5:30pm

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION

05/08/12:1

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT the agenda for the May 8th, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION

05/08/12:2

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

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

BIRT the minutes for the April 10th, 2012 be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Matthew Scribner (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Annie Clifford (report attached)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Matthew Shultz (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- f. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached)

MOTION

05/08/12:3

Moved: Annie Clifford (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

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

- a. Graduate Student Senator – Terry Bridges (no report)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – Benjamin Grant (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 (no report)
- e. Other Reports
 - i. Equity Coordinator – Ben Fisher (no report)
 - ii. International Students’ Affairs Coordinator: Vacant (no report)
 - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Vacant (no report)
 - iv. Athletics Coordinator – Chris Harris (no report)
 - v. Logistics Coordinator – Vacant (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

05/08/12:4

Moved: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

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

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

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

7. Main Motions

MOTION

05/08/12:5

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Whereas the Student Senate Caucus helps inform and coordinate student members of Queen's Senate,

Whereas the Student Senate Caucus is organized by the Student Senate Caucus Chair,

Whereas the Student Senate Caucus includes both members of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) and of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS),

Whereas the Student Senate Caucus Chair has a non-voting ex-officio position on the AMS Assembly,

BIRT SGPS Council modify the following portion of Bylaw Section B.5.1 to read as follows (First Reading):

“The ex–officio honorary members of Council are:

- a. The President of the Alma Mater Society, who shall only participate in debate on matters affecting the AMS, but shall not vote;
- b. The University Rector, who shall not vote; and
- c. The Student Senate Caucus Chair, who shall not vote.”

MOTION

05/08/12:6

Moved: Becky Pero (vpj@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Whereas the Queen’s University International Centre offers a free bi-yearly (one in the fall term and one in the winter) training program called the ‘Intercultural Competence Certificate’ that discusses concepts of culture and self-knowledge;

Whereas the Intercultural Training program teaches the basic skills and knowledge for respectful and effective communications in intercultural environments;

Whereas Queen’s University has adopted an atmosphere of ‘internationalization,’ as per Pillar III of the Academic Plan;

Whereas SGPS employees and Executive often engage in situations that require responses that are sensitive to our members, from across the globe;

BIRT SGPS Council approve the creation of P.3.8 'Intercultural Competence Certificate Training', to the SGPS Bylaws and Policies which reads as follows:

“All SGPS employees and Executive are required to participate in QUIC’s Intercultural Competence Training program for a maximum of six hours, being Sessions one through four, once per elected or hired term.”

MOTION

05/08/12:7

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

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas the budget allocated \$6500 to SGPS Handbook, but the actual cost will be less than \$5500, causing an anticipated surplus in that category of over \$1000

BIRT the SGPS Handbook line in Schedule 1 be decreased by \$800 and transferred to the Advertising/Promo line in the same Schedule.

MOTION

05/08/12:8

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

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas the budget allocated \$1250 to Executive Internal, but the actual expense currently sits at \$2468.09, causing a deficit in that category of \$1218.09

BIRT the Executive Internal line in Schedule 3 be increased by \$1500, via the removal of \$1500 from Unallocated in Non-Scheduled Items.

MOTION

05/08/12:9

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

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas the budget allocated \$8422.34 to Unallocated.

BIRT the Advertising/Promo line in Schedule 1 be increased by \$3000 by transferring \$3000 from the Unallocated line in Non-Scheduled Items.

MOTION

05/08/12:10

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Becky Pero (vpj@sgps.ca)

Whereas the budget allocated \$8422.34 to Unallocated.

BIRT the Emergency Student Aid line in Schedule 7 Grants & Bursaries be increased by \$3922.34 by transferring \$3922.34 from the Unallocated line in Non-Scheduled Items.

MOTION

05/08/12:11

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Becky Pero (vpj@sgps.ca)

BIRT that SGPS council approve the following amendment to P.1.4.4 (b)

Where "Dental Bursaries should only be distributed to people who have completed a covered dental procedure."

Shall be changed to read: "Members should provide verification of the completed procedure within 60 days of the conclusion of said procedure."

MOTION

05/08/12:12

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Becky Pero (vpj@sgps.ca)

BIRT that SGPS council approve the following amendment to P1.6 (b)

Where "Members may submit only one application per academic year."

Shall be changed to read: "Additional applications may be submitted by members to the VPFS provided the member indicates this is a subsequent application."

MOTION

05/08/12:13

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Matthew Schultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Whereas SGPS members Sean Field and Jennifer Massey were employed by Queen's University on a contract funded by the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO),

Whereas their completed work was modified without their knowledge, in a manner they have explicitly refused to comply with, to reflect conclusions they had specifically refuted, and then subsequently published on the HEQCO website under their name and with a disclaimer that the opinions therein were those of the authors,

Whereas the president of HEQCO, Harvey Weingarten, responded to their request that the work be released as submitted with allegations that their performance had been unsatisfactory, and that the changes had been made by Queen's employees in order to complete the contract to HEQCO's satisfaction,

Whereas allegations of political interference in research are harmful to the reputation of the entire university, and graduate students in particular,

Whereas the Ontario College and University Faculty Association (OCUFA) has released a statement calling for a thorough review of HEQCO's research practices, in particular clauses that force researchers to waive moral rights to their work, opening it to precisely the kind of exploitation and modification apparent in this case,

Whereas OCUFA has furthermore called for a full investigation at Queen's in order that senior staff be held publicly accountable for this serious breach of research ethics,

BIRT SGPS Council acknowledge the severity of the numerous violations of academic integrity that appear to have occurred in the publication by HEQCO of a report written under a contract with Queen's by SGPS members Jennifer Massey and Sean Field;

BIFRT SGPS Council endorse OCUFA's call for a full and transparent investigation of this matter at Queen's;

BIFRT SGPS Council endorse OCUFA's call for the Government of Ontario to conduct a thorough review of HEQCO's research practices.

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, August 7th, 2012.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14th, 2012.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

05/08/12:14

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

Seconded: Terry Bridges (senator@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

April 2012 Minutes

May Reports

April Attendance