



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 November 13th, 2012, 5:30pm

John Orr Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

Principal Woolf – Discussion regarding impact of changes at the provincial government

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION

11/13/12:1

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT the agenda for the November 13th, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION

11/13/12:2

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

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpgr@sgps.ca)

BIRT the minutes for October 9th, 2012 Council Meeting 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. Executive Assistant – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)
- g. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached)

MOTION

11/13/12:3

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 (report attached)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – Tony Gkotsis (no report)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
 - i. Social Commissioner – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (report attached)
 - 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 – Ian Fanning (no report)
 - ii. International Students’ Affairs Coordinator: Kris Singh (report attached)
 - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Jack Wallace (report attached)
 - 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 (no report)
 - ix. Departmental Reports

MOTION

11/13/12:4

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

11/13/12:5

Moved: Max Ma (max.ma@queensu.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas concerns exist over Law student evening access to Macdonald Hall,

BIRT that SGPS Council endorse the letter regarding evening access to Macdonald Hall as seen in the Appendix.

MOTION

11/13/12:6

Moved: Max Ma (max.ma@queensu.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas the Queen's Libraries and Archives are undergoing a strategic planning process on their use of space,

Whereas concerns exist over the access Law students have to the libraries,

BIRT SGPS Council endorse the letter to the Dean of Student Affairs, the University Librarian, and the Learning Commons Coordinator concerning library space as seen in the Appendix.

MOTION

11/13/12:7

Moved: Sean Richards (info@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas the SGPS believes training and workshops for Executive and Staff members is beneficial; and

Whereas the SGPS wants to ensure training occurs in an orderly and timely fashion; and

Whereas SGPS Council has already endorsed Anti-Oppression, Conflict Resolution and Intercultural Competence Training; and

Whereas having a permanent staff member organizing training will save time and add consistency.

BIRT the following policies be removed in their entirety:

P.2.2.2.d(7)

Organizing the mandatory Anti–Oppression Training (P.3.7) for all SGPS employees and Executive, in addition to organizing any other applicable equity training for the Executive and other interested parties, in conjunction with the University Human Rights Office.

P.3.7 Anti–Oppression Training Policy

All SGPS employees and Executive are required to participate in SGPS–specific Anti–Oppression Training for a minimum of six hours once per elected or hired term.

P.3.8 Intercultural Competence Certificate Training Policy

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

BIFRT the following policies be added:

P.3.7 Training

The SGPS Assistant Executive Director (AED) is responsible for organizing the following training. The AED will keep a list of all those people that have completed training, which will be available to the Executive, Executive Director and Executive Assistant for viewing. The AED will research possible trainers/facilitators and report to the SGPS Executive on availability, pricing and general training content. The AED will, with the express approval of the SGPS Executive, schedule the following training:

a. Anti–Oppression Training

All SGPS employees and Executive are required to participate in SGPS–specific Anti–Oppression Training for a minimum of six hours once per elected or hired term.

b. Intercultural Competence Training

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

c. Conflict Resolution Training

All SGPS employees, Executive, Student Advisors and the SGPS Judicial Committee are required to participate in Conflict Resolution Training for a minimum of six hours once per elected or hired term.

MOTION

11/13/12:8

Moved: Sean Richards (info@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas the Speaker is responsible for calling regular and General Meetings,

Whereas P.5.2.3(f) details specific advertising requirements surrounding General Meetings, including publication in the Queen's Gazette

Whereas the last issue of the Queen's Gazette was published on May 25, 2010,

BIRT P.5.2.3(f) be modified to remove reference to the Queen's Gazette

MOTION

11/13/12:9

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

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas last year the SGPS was contacted by various members asking for assistance over the December holiday break;

Whereas the SGPS ran a "Holiday Assistance Campaign" that assisted 18 student families at Queen's last year (over the 2011 winter break);

Whereas this year, members have already contacted the SGPS indicating their need for this assistance this December break;

Whereas the SGPS has allocated up to \$1000 as per the 2012-13 budget under the Charity heading;

BIRT that SGPS provide up to \$750 to the SGPS Holiday Assistance Program to support members over the December holiday break.

MOTION

11/13/12:10

Moved: Kristin Boyd (8kmab@queensu.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas members of the Education Student Society (ESS) who currently attend Council have class until 5:50pm; and

Whereas Council meetings that begin at 5:30pm cause ESS members to miss at least 30 minutes of the meeting; and

Whereas advertising for the November General Meeting has already begun.

BIRT all meetings of SGPS Council for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year, excepting the November General Meeting, begin at 6:00pm.

BIFRT the ESS President or delegate will send the 2013-2014 class schedule to the SGPS Speaker and the SGPS Executive Director as soon as possible so the SGPS may set the 2013-2014 Council schedule with the knowledge of ESS class times.

MOTION

11/13/12:11

Moved: Matt Schultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded:

Whereas \$50 million has been removed from the OGS program, thus making these grants even more difficult to obtain than they historically have been; and,

Whereas NSERC and SSHRC funding priorities have been shifted to industry-related research, thus making Tri-Council support substantially more difficult to obtain for students engaged in pure or fundamental research; and,

Whereas mandatory applications for NSERC, SSHRC, and OGS grants represent a substantial investment of time on behalf of both the university and individual students; and,

Whereas the School of Graduate Studies has highlighted time to completion as a core concern, and grant applications represent a substantial investment in time; and,

Whereas mandatory scholarship applications take time away from coursework and research, making grants more difficult to achieve, while also making students less likely to apply for grants from other institutions; and,

Whereas mandatory scholarship applications are a significant source of stress for graduate students; and,

Whereas Queen's University has indicated an interest in student mental health, which is adversely affected by stress;

BIRT the SGPS Council opposes any policy of mandatory grant applications, including punitive measures taken against students who do not submit scholarship applications.

MOTION

11/13/12:12

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

Seconded:

Whereas the SGPS has a club funding policy that currently requires applicants to pay out of pocket for expenses in relation to Club activities;

Whereas the Finance & Service Committee met to discuss and review this policy;

Whereas a number of Club funding applicants have indicated that it is problematic financially for these members to hold Club events as they cannot afford to cover approved expenses out of their own pocket;

Whereas the Finance & Services Committee endorses the following changes:

BIRT that the policy P.7.7(d) be replaced in its entirety with:

“If it is indicated in the application that funds are required prior to the event, funds shall be provided upon approval and receipts for said expenses must be provided within 30 days. If receipts are not provided within 30 days, the Club is ineligible for future funding until the receipts are provided or the funding returned.”

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, December 4th 2012.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11th 2012.
- c. The SGPS Fall General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27th 2012

10. Adjournment

MOTION

11/13/12:13

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

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

October Minutes

November Reports

Year Plans

October Attendance

Appendix: Council Letters (Draft)