I. Presentations

A. None

II. Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

A. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 11/10/15:1

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the November 10, 2015 Council Meeting.

B. Adoption of the Minutes

MOTION 11/10/15:2

[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the October 13, 2015 Council Meeting.

C. Adoption of the Minutes

MOTION 11/10/15:3

[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the October 27, 2015 Special Council Meeting.
III. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports
   a. President – Chris Cochrane (report attached)
   b. VP Graduate – Mark Kellenberger (report attached)
   c. VP Professional – Mark Asfar (report attached)
   d. VP Finance & Services – Christina Huber (report attached)
   e. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Lorne Beswick (report attached)

B. Speaker Report
   a. Speaker – Eric Rapos (report attached)

C. Approval

   MOTION 11/10/15:4
   Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
   Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

   BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

IV. Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

A. Senator Report – Graduate Student Senator – Eric Rapos (report attached)

B. Trustee Report – Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod (report attached)

C. Commissioner Reports
   a. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Erica Baker (report attached)
   b. International Students Affairs Commissioner – vacant (no report)
   c. Social Commissioner – Ciara Bracken-Roche (report attached)

D. Committee Reports
   a. Finance & Services Standing Committee – C. Huber & C. Cochrane (report attached)

E. Other Reports
   a. University Rector – Mike Young (no report)
   b. Chief Returning Officer – Travis Skippon (no report)
   c. Departmental Reports (none received)

F. Approval

   MOTION 11/10/15:5
   Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
   Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

   BIRT SGPS Council approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.
V. Question Period & Departmental Issues

A. Questions Regarding Athletics & Recreation – Eric Fedosejevs, Biology

1. Given that: 1) the SGPS has a representative on the University Council on Athletics and Recreation (UCAR), which is responsible for budgetary oversight of Athletics and Recreation; 2) the UCAR Terms of Reference specify that “A&R shall listen to and openly communicate with [its] constituents”; 3) Queen’s University is an Ontario government institution, funded primarily by students and taxpayers and serving the same, and is subject to the disclosure requirements of the Ontario Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSO 1990, c F.31, s 1, which has as one of its principals that “information should be available to the public”; 4) other Ontario Universities publish their Athletics budgets; and 5) according to SGPS policy P.1.2.4.d (4) vii, prior to approving the Athletics and Recreation fee renewal for referendum next Spring, Athletics and Recreation must provide a “copy of its most recent financial statements and budget and a copy of its proposed budget… which should reveal sources and quantity of income and also sources and quantity of expenses”, does the SGPS Executive have access to the 2015-16 Athletics and Recreation budget and, if not, why not, and when does it expect to receive it?

2. If the SGPS Executive does have access to the 2015-16 Athletics and Recreation Budget, how much of the Athletics and Recreation Budget is spent on ‘Inter-University Sports’ vs. ‘Casual Recreation and Sports Clubs’? I note that in the last budget summary released to SGPS members in 2009, Athletics and Recreation spent 50% of its budget on ‘Inter-University Sports’, and 43% on ‘Recreation’. How does this compare with the percentage of SGPS members who participate in Inter-University Sports? Would it be possible to earmark SGPS Athletics and Recreation fees so that they are not spent on services that exclude the vast majority of our membership?

3. Athletics and Recreation shared various Athletics usage information with the SGPS Executive in advance of the October Council Meeting (see Appendices). Only one figure was shared with Council, however: the number of unique SGPS members who visited the ARC in the 2014 calendar year. Could the Executive please share some additional information with council, such as how often the average SGPS member accessed the ARC in 2014?

4. Is the SGPS Executive familiar with a proposal by Athletics and Recreation to convert a floor of the PEC into a High Performance Sports Centre as part of the 67 Union Street Project
(see Appendices)? Will student fees be used to pay for this project, which includes lounge space, hot tubs, and a dedicated indoor above/below-ground link to the ARC, and which will only be accessible to varsity athletes?

5. Is the SGPS Executive familiar with the final report of the “Special Purpose Committee on Advocating for American-Style Athletic Support in Ontario” which was prepared in consultation with UCAR and which was presented to Principal Woolf on November 8th, 2014 at the 139th Annual Meeting of the University Council? If so, could the Executive please summarize the report and describe its likely effect on Athletics and Recreation funding priorities and how this will affect SGPS members? Does the Executive believe that a public Canadian University should be spending taxpayer money and mandatory student fees on the construction of an American-style college sports program?

B. Question & Discussion on Follow Up from CFS Presentation – Jared Houston, Philosophy

As a follow up to the presentation in September, some members of my constituency are interested in looking at the research carried out by the CFS themselves, and were also wondering: Is the SGPS organizing any follow-up with respect to the concerns raised in the research?

VI. Business Arising from the Minutes

A. CFS Delegate

MOTION 10/13/15:6
Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

Whereas the SGPS is a member local of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS); and

Whereas the CFS will be holding its 34th Annual National General Meeting from Sunday November 22 to Wednesday November 25; and

Whereas the SGPS Executive is unable to select from among itself a representative for this meeting due to scheduling conflicts;

BIRT SGPS Council designate [insert name here] to represent the SGPS at the 34th Annual National General Meeting of the CFS, November 22 – November 25, 2015.
Main Motions

A. Auditor

MOTION 11/10/15:6

Moved: Christina Huber (ypfs@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas the SGPS is required to be audited every year according to the SGPS’s bylaws and policy; and

Whereas the SGPS is delinquent in completing its 2013-2014 audit and now the 2014-2015 audit; and

Whereas the SGPS currently has no auditor of record;

BIRT SGPS Council approve the recommendation of the Finance and Services Committee to hire KPMG for $8000/audit to complete the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 audits and all audits going forward.
VIII. Other Business

A. Executive Year Plans [See Appendices] – Discussion and Question Period

IX. Notices of Motion & Announcements

A. Notices of Motion
   a. No Notices of Motion Received

B. Announcements
   a. The SGPS Fall General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 5:30pm in Wallace Hall in the JDUC. Motions and Reports are due to the Speaker no later than 4pm on Saturday, November 14, 2015.
   b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 5:30pm in the McLaughlin Room. Motions and Reports are due to the Speaker no later than 4pm on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

X. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

Motion 11/10/15:7

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@sgps.ca)

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.