



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, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 5:30pm

**McLaughlin Room, JDUC**

### 1. Presentations

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Denise Stockley – Acting Director, Center for Teaching and Learning

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

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#### MOTION

10/01/12:1

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

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

BIRT the agenda for the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted.

#### MOTION

10/01/12:2

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 September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 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 – 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**

**10/01/12:3**

Moved: Annie Clifford ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@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 – Ian Fanning (no report)
  - 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**

**10/01/12:4**

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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### MOTION

10/01/12:5

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

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

Whereas SGPS Elections currently take place during a time which coincides with Queen's University Reading Week, and this leads to a large portion of the campaign period being lost; and,

Whereas the effective start date for our Executive is April 1<sup>st</sup>, which is out of sync with many other University bodies; and,

Whereas the SGPS currently excludes a large number of its membership from filling commissioner and coordinator positions in the spring;

BIRT SGPS Council approve the first reading of the bylaw changes, and approve the policy changes (subject to second approval of bylaws) as seen in Appendix 1, which address these concerns; and,

BIFRT the current SGPS Executive members' terms be extended to end on April 30, 2013 to allow for a smooth transition for the new Executive; and,

BIFRT the current Commissioners and Coordinators will be offered an extension of their current terms, subject to a performance evaluation, to end on October 31, 2013, and in the event they decline, hiring will be done for interim replacements for the Term of May 1, 2013 – October 31, 2013.

### MOTION

10/01/12:6

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

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

Whereas, in accordance with SGPS Policy P.5.2.2.f, "Any two voting members of Council may place items on the agenda of a Council Meeting" and "Two voting members of Council may also add items that are strictly matters of a housekeeping nature to the agenda of a Council Meeting";

Whereas, this is out of keeping with the practices of comparable bodies, such as Queen's University Senate or the plenary meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students, which require a seconder to consider motions but which only require a mover to place motions on the agenda;

Whereas, the 2011-2012 SGPS Executive, in their report for the March 2012 General

Meeting, recommend that the SGPS "Consider changing policy so two voting member are not need[ed] to add an item to the agenda. It would be better to give councillors an opportunity to second motions so they can get accustomed to active participation";

BIRT Policy P.5.2.2(f) be replaced in its entirety with:

"f. Any member of Council, excluding ex-officio honorary members, may place items on the agenda of a Council meeting by giving written notice to the Speaker at least seven days in advance of the meeting.";

BIFRT new Policies, P.5.2.2(g)- P.5.2.2(h), be created as follows:

"g. Items that are strictly of a housekeeping nature may be added to the agenda by any member of Council, excluding ex-officio honorary members, without notice by presenting them to the Speaker before the meeting begins.

h. Items placed on the agenda may only be moved and seconded by a voting member of Council"

BIFRT the lettering of the rest of P.5.2.2 be adjusted to reflect these additions.

## **7. Main Motions**

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### **MOTION**

**08/14/12:7**

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

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

Whereas the Council and General Meeting dates for the 2012-2013 year must be ratified by SGPS Council,

Whereas the date of the Winter General Meeting is yet to be determined,

BIRT SGPS Council ratify Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as the date of the Winter General Meeting

### **MOTION**

**10/01/12:8**

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

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

Whereas the President of the SGPS, the President of the AMS, and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs have in good faith negotiated a fee protocol for the collection of Student Activity Fees by Queen's University on behalf of the SGPS and the AMS,

Whereas the document is of crucial importance to the finances of the Society,

Whereas SGPS Council should be consulted on such matters,

BIRT SGPS Council recommend that the President sign a fee protocol on behalf of the Society,

BIFRT SGPS Council recommend that the final fee protocol signed reflect in spirit the draft protocol as seen in the appendix.

**MOTION**

**10/01/12:9**

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

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

Whereas UHIP has repeatedly been identified by the SGPS International Student's Commission and the Student Advisors as an issue for international graduate and professional students at Queen's; and

Whereas the SGPS recommended, in 2007, that a bursary be established to address the costs of UHIP for international students; and

Whereas, at this time, the bursary has been sufficiently researched and one such bursary would not be financially feasible for the SGPS to undertake alone; and

Whereas efforts to secure financial support from sources outside the SGPS have been as of yet unfruitful, in great part due to a lack of understanding about UHIP, its history and its function;

BIRT that the SGPS Special UHIP Bursary Committee be dissolved; and

BIFRT the International Students' Commission be tasked with educating students, staff, and faculty about the discrepant impacts of UHIP on international students; and

BIFRT the International Students' Commission be tasked to advocate for OHIP for international students.

## **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, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## 10. Adjournment

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### MOTION

10/01/12:10

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:

September Minutes

October Reports

September Attendance

Appendix 1

Student Life Centre Shared Space Policy

Ancillary Fee Protocol