I. Presentations

A. Queen's Graduate Outfitters

B. Council Orientation – Eric Rapos

II. Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

A. Adoption of the Agenda

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

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

B. Adoption of the Minutes

[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]

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

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the September 15, 2015 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 10/13/15:3
   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 – Jhordan Layne (no report)
   c. Social Commissioner – Ciara Bracken-Roche (report attached)

D. Committee Reports
E. Other Reports
   a. University Rector – Mike Young (report attached)
   b. Chief Returning Officer – Travis Skippon (report attached)
   c. Student Advisor Program Administrator – Andria Mahon (no report)
   d. Departmental Reports
      i. Biomedical Engineering – Fiona Serack on behalf of Julian Chesterman
         (report attached)
      ii. Philosophy – Jared Houston (report attached)
      iii. Political Studies – Korey Pasch (report attached)
F. Approval

MOTION 10/13/15:4

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. No Questions or Departmental Issues Received

VI. Business Arising from the Minutes

A. No Business Arising from the Minutes

VII. Main Motions

A. Senator Term Dates

MOTION 10/13/15:5

Moved: Eric Rapos (senator@sgps.ca)
Seconded:

Whereas the majority of Senators in the University begin their terms as of September 1st; and

Whereas there are some committees of Senate that function during the summer, carrying over from the previous year; and

Whereas the Graduate Student Senator two-year term currently runs from May 1st until April 30th;

BIRT the standard two-year term for the Graduate Student Senator be changed to run from September 1st until August 30th;

BIFRT the current Graduate Student Senator’s term be extended until August 30th, 2016.
B. CFS Delegate

MOTION 10/13/15:6

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

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.

C. Referendum Question: Removal of Athletics Fee

MOTION 10/13/15:7

Moved: Eric Fedosejevs (9etf@queensu.ca)
Seconded:

Whereas the Athletics and Recreation Complex (ARC) was to have been phase one of the three-phase Queen’s Centre complex; and

Whereas phases two and three of the Queen’s Centre complex were to have contained an indoor hockey rink, an indoor track, and additional student life space; and

Whereas phases two and three of the Queen’s Centre complex were never completed; and

Whereas the failure to complete phases two and three of the Queen’s Centre complex has led to a lack of indoor fitness space; and

Whereas full-time on-campus student enrolment has increased 23% since the ARC opened in 2009; and

Whereas ARC usage has increased substantially since its opening, with a 10% increase in usage from Fall 2014 to Fall 2015 alone; and
Whereas there has been no significant increase in available exercise equipment at the ARC since its opening; and

Whereas as of September 2015, access to the “Lifting Zone” has been restricted to varsity athletes for much of the day; and

Whereas there is often a lack of available cardio and strength-training equipment at the ARC; and

Whereas intramural leagues are often filled early on the first day of registration; and

Whereas intramurals are often scheduled at times inconvenient for graduate students, such as past midnight; and

Whereas Queen’s rents out gym space during peak usage times to off-campus organizations such as the Kingston Sport and Social Club (KSSC) and Ryatt, a Kingston-area volleyball league; and

Whereas many graduate students participate in off-campus fitness activities; and

Whereas the SGPS has an agreement for discounted gym memberships with Good Life;

BIRT SGPS Council approve the following question for special referendum:

“Should the SGPS eliminate the mandatory Athletics and Recreation fee?”

BIFRT SGPS Council approve a special referendum, to be held on November 4 & 5, 2015, with a campaign period beginning October 23, 2015 at 12:00AM and ending November 3, 2015 at 11:59PM, in accordance with the P.9.1.c guidelines on the length of campaign periods and voting days.

Other Business

A. None
IX. Notices of Motion & Announcements

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

B. Announcements
   a. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 5:30pm in the McLaughlin Room. Motions and Reports are due to the Speaker no later than 4pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.
   b. 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 7, 2015.

X. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

Motion 10/13/15:8

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

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.