



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, September 11th, 2012, 5:30pm

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

Principal Woolf, Arig Girgrah – Strategic Discussion and Student Affairs

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION

09/11/12:1

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT the agenda for the September 11th, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION

09/11/12:2

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

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpvg@sgps.ca)

BIRT the minutes for August 14th, 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

09/11/12:3

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 – 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 – Vacant (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

09/11/12:4

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

09/11/12:5

Moved: Eric Rapos (cro@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (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 1st, 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, 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

09/11/12:6

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Becky Pero (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 voting member of Council 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. A voting member of Council may also add items that are strictly matters of a housekeeping nature to the agenda of a Council Meeting without notice by presenting them to the Speaker before the meeting begins.";

BIFRT a new Policy P.5.2.2(g) be created as follows:

"g. Any motion on the agenda of a Council Meeting must be seconded by an additional voting member of Council."

BIFRT the lettering of the rest of P.5.2.2 be adjusted to reflect this addition.

MOTION

09/11/12:7

Moved: Annie Clifford (vpp@sgps.ca)

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

Whereas SGPS Bylaw B.13.2(a) states that Appointees of Council must be ratified by the SGPS Council,

BIRT SGPS Council ratify the Equity Coordinator Ian Fanning for the 2012-2013 year

MOTION (First Reading)

09/11/12:8

Moved: Annie-Clifford (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas the position of Executive Assistant is integral to the working of the SGPS,

Whereas the Executive Assistant may serve as the institutional memory of the SGPS, and may aid Council in decision making,

BIRT SGPS Council modify B.5.1 to create (p.) which shall read:

"The Executive Assistant, who shall not vote."

MOTION

09/11/12:9

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

Whereas the University is conducting a review of its alcohol policy (2005),

Whereas the Off-Campus Events policy stipulates that students groups must follow the approval process outlined in the Appendices,

Whereas the SGPS has an existing in-house approval process,

Whereas the Off-Campus Events policy Appendix H for the SGPS remains under development,

BIRT SGPS Council strike a committee to develop this document, taking into account current, and best practices,

BIFRT that the membership of this committee consist of:

<insert names here>

MOTION (Second Reading)

09/11/12:10

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

Whereas the SGPS Bylaws state that the SGPS Budget must be approved by Council

BIRT SGPS Council approve the 2012-2013 budget (second reading) as seen in the Appendices

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, October 2nd 2012.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9th 2012.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

09/11/12:11

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

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

August Minutes

September Reports

August Attendance

2012-2013 Budget

Appendix 1