



## Minutes

December 13, 2016 - 5:30pm  
Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

The Society of Graduate and Professional Students recognizes the traditional and ancestral territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Nations on whose lands we gather on today.



### Presentations

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None.



### Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

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**A. Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION 12/13/16:1**

Motioner: Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative)  
Second: Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the December 13, 2016 Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Adoption of the Council Minutes (November Council)**

**MOTION 12/13/16:2**

**[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]**

Motioner: Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator)  
Second: Sebastian Gorlewski (Vice President Graduate)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Adoption of the Council Minutes (Fall General Meeting)**

**MOTION 12/13/16:3**

**[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]**

Motioner: Valerie Freemantle (Geography Representative)  
Second: Lauren Brick (Graduate Education MEd Representative)

Korey Pasch (Political Studies Representative): I would like his name correctly spelled in the minutes.



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Jennifer Williams (Speaker): We will make sure of that amendment prior to posting online.  
Thanks Korey!

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.



## Executive & Speaker Reports

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### A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Saba Farbodkia (no report submitted)
- b. VP Graduate – Sebastian Gorlewski (no report submitted)
- c. VP Professional – Kishan Lakhani (report attached)
- d. VP Finance & Services – Stuart Clark (report attached)
- e. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Anastasiya Boika (report attached)

Anastasiya Boika (VPCCA): Clubs Office Mid-Year Report – Grace present to address any questions in the report.

### B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Jennifer Williams (report attached)

### C. Approval

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

Motioner: Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee)

Seconder: Emma Thompson (Kinesiology Representative – Arts)

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 12/13/16:4**



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## Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

- A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Ciara Bracken-Roche (report attached)  
Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator): Nothing to add.
- B. Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – Adam Ali (report attached)  
Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee: Deadline for the Call for applicants for the taskforce on diversity & equity is tomorrow at noon, to occur in early January. Tried to be detailed as possible within the report about the party that took place – was the theme of the weekend that the recent Trustee meeting. Did make a very lengthy statement regarding the party at the Trustee meeting. If people would like to talk offline considering that, happy to take questions.
- C. Commissioner Reports**
- a. Athletics Commissioner – Lindsay Ruitter (report attached)  
Lindsay Ruitter (Athletics Commissioner): Indoor spin class – all 17 tickets sold and 17 individuals attended. Only difficulty was flow and waivers. Would like to move onto online waivers. Hoping to continue to facilitate partnerships with studios in Kingston in the new year. \$5 Yoga tickets (via Tilt) for January yoga event.  
  
2 Events – sports hour at Arc (Basketball) – a few Graduate and several Undergraduate students attended for 5:5. Hoping to promote more to get more graduate students out. Other sports upcoming in Spring. Hoping to also run dodgeball and wheelchair sports. Joint hosted with Yann (Social Commissioner) a skating event – friends attended, but no other graduate students. Advertisement could be improved; time of year is difficult. Encourage members from department to attend. Hoping to run more free events and low-cost events in the new year.
  - b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Tahseen Chowdhury (report attached)
  - c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Chiedza Pasipanodya (report attached)  
Chiedza Pasipanodya (International Students Affairs Commissioner): Commissioners running de-stressor event from 6-8pm across the hall. Also hosting a holiday celebration and end of year event from 7-9pm at Grad Club on Friday. Would love to have members present.



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- d. Social Commissioner – Yann Grand-Clement (report attached)

Yann Grand-Clement (Social Commissioner): Social events are not being properly communicated to departments, despite efforts of Social Commissioner and Communications Facilitator. Would really appreciate any support from department representatives to communicate events!

#### **D. Committee Reports**

#### **E. Other Reports**

- a. University Rector – Cam Yung (oral report)

Cam Yung (University Rector): Board of Trustees met a few weeks ago. Commend Adam for his speech to the Board of Trustees – don't worry about the length; spoke to the feelings and the importance of making sure there is change now instead of letting this slide like it has happened in the past with the Administration. Implementation team is taking place – make sure to send in your applications within the next 24h.

Truth and Reconciliation consultations have been completed. Report and recommendations will be released in February. Cam and several student leaders have been working on a secret project of increasing presence on campus for Indigenous students. Working ahead with a proposal and will hopefully be releasing soon.

Fall Term Break surveys are still open and availability the end of this month. It's important to give our voice. Many ideas – one such idea is pushing move-in day a week earlier so we can still have a full Orientation week and a Fall term break in the middle of the semester. Though there are pros to this in terms of having a Reading week, there are numerous challenges.

Tricolour selection committee. Several members have come forward to sit on selection committee. If you are still interested, please connect with Saba – her and Executive will be selecting the representative.

Can always reach me at [rector@queensu.ca](mailto:rector@queensu.ca) with questions or concerns.

Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator):



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Cam Yung (University Rector): When are applications going to be closing?  
Applications are going to be closing on December 21<sup>st</sup> – feel free to send to me as a PDF file or slide under the SGPS or AMS files.

- b. Chief Returning Officer – Vacant (no report)

#### Approval

**MOTION 12/13/16:5**

Motioner: Emma Thompson (Kinesiology Representative – Arts)  
Second: Lauren Brick (Graduate Education MEd Representative)

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.

Motion carries unanimously.



## Question Period & Departmental Issues

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## Business Arising from the Minutes

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### A. SGPS Chief Returning Officer

**MOTION 12/13/16:6**

BIRT SGPS Council elect [name] as the Chief Returning Officer for the 2016-17 year.

No SGPS members put their name forward.



## Main Motions

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### A. SGPS Council Meetings 2017

**MOTION 12/13/16:7**

Whereas the SGPS Winter General Meeting must take place during the election period in February 2017;



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BIRT that SGPS Council approve the following meetings for January-August 2017 (Movement of February Council to late-February & movement of Winter GM to early February instead of March).

| Month         | Reports/Motions Deadline | Date of Meeting  | Location                     |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| January 2017  | January 10 2017 @ 4PM    | January 17 2017  | Robert Sutherland Room, JDUC |
| Winter GM     | February 7 2017 @ 4PM    | February 15 2017 | TBA                          |
| February 2017 | February 21 2017 @ 4PM   | February 28 2017 | TBA                          |
| March 2017    | March 7 2017 @ 4PM       | March 14 2017    | Wallace Hall, JDUC           |
| April 2017    | April 4 2017 @ 4PM       | April 11 2017    | Wallace Hall, JDUC           |
| May 2017      | May 2 2017 @ 4PM         | May 9 2017       | Wallace Hall, JDUC           |
| August 2017   | August 1 2017 @ 4PM      | August 8 2017    | Wallace Hall, JDUC           |

**Motioner: Anastasiya Boika (VP Campaigns & Community Affairs)**  
**Second: Valerie Freemantle (Geography Representative)**

Motion carries unanimously.



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## Other Business

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### A. Discussion: Food @ SGPS Council 2017

Korey Pasch (Political Studies Representative): Vegetables would be nice – as a graduate student it's sometimes hard to get food

Dylan Sora (Biology Representative): Good job so far! Like that it's from an on campus. Continue on with Common Ground, I approve.

Valerie Freemantle (Geography Representative): Pizza!! Slightly more substantial.

Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative): A good pizza can cover all four food groups.

Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator): Second the vegetable comment. Used to always have pizza; cold pizza is really gross. Wraps were amazing!

Lauren Brick (Graduate Education MEd Representative): I would still eat the cold pizza. If we have wraps – could we have the contents.

Sebastian Gorlewski (VP Graduate): Theme at the SGPS; more diversity is better! I think looking into options for what we can get. Great to have both pizza and vegetables. If you have allergies and would like to eat the Council meeting and we don't provide for what you need to eat buy the food and we will compensate. You can also reach out to the Speaker with your allergy concerns.

Aman Turdaliev (Computing Society Representative): Nice to have bottled water.

Sebastian Gorlewski (VP Graduate): There's a campus-wide ban on bottled water... not sure if they're allowed to. We could have a pitcher of water.

Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator): I would like to see beverages other than Coca-Cola on campus; maybe we could get juice containers, instead of supporting mega-corporations.



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Sebastian Gorlewski (VP Graduate): Sponsored beverage supply. Given it to them for free. Happy to give out Coke to any departments that need it – we have so much left!

Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative): Cool SGPS waterbottles – go get water from the water fountain!

Korey Pasch (Political Studies Representative): Is there typically much left over?

Jennifer Williams (Speaker): Depends on the week, but usually not – usually the food is all eaten. We will continue to asses as the meetings progress and change our order if there is too much/too little food.



## Notices of Motion & Announcements

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- A. The next Council meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Sutherland Room, located in the John Deutsch University Centre. Reports and motions for the December Council meeting are due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Adjournment

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A. **Adjournment**

**Motion 12/13/16:8**

Motioner: Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative)  
Seconded: Lauren Brick (Graduate Education MEd Representative)

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting concluded at 6:04pm.