



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, December 8th, 2009, 5:30pm
Room 351, JDUC

1. Presentations

Presentation – Queen's Business Consulting (5 mins)

Amir – Introduction

QBC Presentation

Discussion/Questions

Jillian/ Women/Gender Studies – What is the start up cost of \$19,200 for the Housing Authority?

A/ Transferring authority, legal fees, etc. Also available in the report.

Ryan Bespalko – Is \$250,000 our entire emergency fund? What would happen if we only invested a portion of the funds? A/ Less you put down, more mortgage you put on; Café – scale down options a bit, but still need considerable startup costs.

Sean- \$250,000 is the entire reserves.

Rob Church – 3rd parties – can you go into more detail of a third party involved?

A/ Queens Housing Services - Property managing role – want to be involved to make sure it is profitable. Same with Student Housing Cooperative – wouldn't want to take on the whole task themselves. Would have to get their board of directors involved. Would want a proposal from the SGPS to start.

Amir – Talked to Sci44 Coop – contacted board of directors – would meet as early as next week. Details of what they mean by helping out has yet to be established.

Amir – Question – Nathaniel – discuss the legal changes of setting up a housing authority.

Nathaniel – in the report. Not-for-profit – draft bylaws, establish partnerships. Grad club a good example. If go it alone would have to deal with Queens and various exemptions that might be available. Refer to the report.

Rob Church – Legal part – practical aspect – we have a relationship with the university – how would that be it affected. Would they try to stop us from trying to do this?

Nathaniel – Unlikely – University would probably have a hands-off approach. University would probably be happy with third party partnership.

Mark Rosner – Update on the previously discussed partnership with OPIRG.

Nathaniel – Should probably not share the housing authority with OPIRG

- Jonathan Webb Q/ third party would mitigate some of the risk. How would a third partnership mitigate some of the risk

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- A/ SGPS doesn't have a knowledge to run a housing authority – needs to take advantage of a third party expertise.
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Jonathan Webb Q/ How much costs would be associated with a third party partnership?

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- A/ - Sci44 – not really trying to make money, they are a non-for-profit. They do reduce risk. The Student Housing Coop – are able to sell properties at a considerably lower value to membership. Costs are offset and risks are minimized.
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Nathaniel – QB Law Clinic happy to provide services to help create a non-for-profit organization for housing.

Mark Rosner – Further questions on Queens consulting can be dealt with in motion 5.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

12/08/09:1

Moved _____ Mia Golder _____ / _____ Vicky Bae _____ BIRT the agenda for December 8, 2009 be adopted.

MOTION

12/08/09:2

Moved _____ Andrew Ross _____ / _____ Chris Harris _____ BIRT the minutes for November, 2009 be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a) President – Vicky Bae (report attached)

Board of Trustees meeting last weekend – could not be included in report. Will be included in January report. BoT discussed the Graduate Student Tuition freeze yet increased student fees to international professional students. Affects undergrad professional in law, education and masters students in School of

Policy Studies, Urban and Regional Planning and Rehabilitation Therapy. Did ask BoT what kind of consultation has taken place – short answer was none. Deans of all of the schools were not present, Janice Deacon was also not there at the BoT meeting. Vice-Principal Academic's response was it was difficult to get international students' feedback. Professional student voice has not been heard. Passed at BoT meetings – SGPS president does not get a vote in the BoT.

- b) VP Graduate – David Thompson (report attached)
- b) VP Professional – Kate Kahn (no report)

Mixer planned for January will involve karaoke. Human Resources Committee-hiatus during exam period. Members have been assigned to shadow various jobs over the January period. Will be putting together a report and job descriptions at that time.

- c) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Steve Osterberg (report attached)

Wait to discuss CFS general meeting in the upcoming motion. Bunch of motions passed, filibustering. New Exec members elected – that in itself was a fiasco. Lots of soapboxing instead of campaigning. No fault of CFS but a problem with membership. Nothing else to include in his report

Chris Harris Question: - Trophy Fountain?

Steve – Answer – a showpiece – a project through art and engineering departments – somewhere to fill up water bottles.

Chris Harris Question: - The Arc?

Steve – Lots of good water fountains in the Arc.

- d) VP Finance and Services – Amir Nosrat (no report)

Amir – Busy with Academic life and CFS meeting.

1. Dental Bursary fast depleting. Will end in a month or so. Been a very valuable service, committed to keeping it alive. Used by 15 to 20 people a year. Trying to lobby administration to give more money – they have been very passive. The alternative would be to jack up the dental health plan by \$1 or \$2
2. Service Agreement – Attached an item in the appendixes. AMS seems to be ok with it. Hope to have for ratification to council in January.

- e) Speaker – Mark Rosner (no report)

Still looking for chief returning officer. By-Law and Policy standing committee – invite to get this committee up in running in January. So that the annual general meeting in March could bring up little changes.

MOTION

12/08/09:3

Moved Mia Golder / Chris Harris BIRT
Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

4. Committee, Commissioner, Senator, B of T and Other Reports

a) Graduate Student Senator – Andrew Stevens (report attached)

GSEC met yesterday – finalized ITA policy change. Andrew did not support – no abstentions were recorded. Still much mixed opinions on the ITA change. Lack on consensus at the graduate coordinator level. Many were unsure why these changes were necessary. This seems to allow the potential to increase international student tuition rates. Also discussed changes in the grading system – letter grade system, removing percentage grades. We should not fear that we are out of step – this is really calibrated the Queens system to other universities. Principal’s policy –

SORC meeting – should be able to increase our involvement by 2 instead of 1
Increase graduate student representatives on the new Arts & Science faculty councils. Trying to set a precedent to ensure greater representation of graduate students

Senate: Principal’s financial update. Following accusations to QUFA. Attended QUFA special general meeting yesterday. Two interesting motions. 1. Qufa rejects any attempts to open up collective agreement. 2. Open up collective agreement to reduce bonuses to those making over a certain amount. Supported number 1. Do not agree they should be held responsible. Other factors need to be considered – debt financing capital projects; inability to raise private funds. Chance that the Unity Council will resurface – QUFA, QUSA, CUPE, SGPS – to get together and discuss issues related to employees and students outside of BoT and senate. Stevens has contacted QUFA to see if Unity Council can be resurrected.

TA Issues: We are unsure of how many of our members actually work as Tas/TFs.

Steve – Comment – Good news about international students – if ITA deregulation goes through other graduate international students tuition rates will go up.

Rob Church – Do our interests align with other union members on campus.

Stevens – It doesn’t but we do have some collective interests. IF we act alone we will gain less than if we talk with other workers on campus.

b) Board of Trustees – Alfonso Nocilla (no report)

Alfonso – BoT met. Written report available in January. Two things to highlight.
1. Proposed move to a Provost model. No moves until January or February.
2. University Planning Committee – way to integrate planning and discussions between BoT and senate says Principal. A way to integrate academic planning with financial planning.

c) Committee Reports

Diala – Social Commissioner – Nothing to add. Next major event Charity Casino night. Beginning of March. No venue finalized.

Sean – Communications Commissioner – nothing to add

Leora – no written report. Voted in favour of tuition fee increase at BoT meeting. Thinking about it now, we need to watch for it next year. In the deficit situation over the next few years, that they took into consideration a freeze on graduate tuition was a gesture of good faith – they could have done whatever they wanted. First time every voted with a tuition increase.

Provost Model – Bob Silverman will be VP Academic and Provost.
University Planning Committee Motion – Andrew sitting on this committee. Leora was unhappy with this committee – very obviously a rough draft. A lot of discussion still needs to be had.

Amir – 22% of our membership are international students – they should not be used as cash cows by our administration.

Leora – I think this is a really valid point

Vicky – The real problem is that the international students had zero opportunity to voice their concerns.

d) Commissioner Reports

- i) Social Commissioner – Diala Habib (report attached)
- ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
- iii) Equity Commissioner: Sophia Virani (report attached)

e) Other Reports

- i) Committee Coordinator – Laura Gale (no report)
- ii) Equity Coordinator – Laura Szabo Greisman (no report)
- iii) International Students Coordinator – Aasma Khan (no report)
- iv) Sustainability Coordinator – Ivana Zelenika (report attached)
- v) Education Students' Coordinator – Alessandro La Gomba (no report)
- vi) Rector – Leora Jackson (no report)
- vii) Chief Returning Officer – Vacant
- viii) Departmental Reports

MOTION

12/08/09:4

Moved ___ Vicky Bae _____ / ___ Mohammed Hussain _____ BIRT Senator/Board of Trustees/Commissioner/ Coordinator / Committee, and Other reports be accepted.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

Stephanie Cook – Sociology. Discussing increase of graduate student numbers. Concerned about feedback mechanisms regarding course evaluations. Certain faculty believe there is nothing in place to protect the anonymity of students. Informal feedback might not be enough. Are there other depts feeling the same way? Is there any formal way to conduct course evaluations at the graduate level.

Jonathan Webb – similar problem in Chemistry. Wanted to give feedback to professors. Came up with an informal report. Will forward it to Stephanie.

Andrew – Philosophy – similar issue. Have no solutions to this problem.

Mark – I'd be happy to email out the informal feedback report Jonathan mentioned.

Stephanie – Current cohort need a mechanism beyond the informal way.

Sociology has mandatory courses – one course has been structurally problematic and faculty themselves have responded saying that course evaluations would be helpful.

Steve – Internal Academic review just happened in our department – nothing formal beyond this

Heather – Kinesiology and Health – had a course that didn't serve student's needs. Course was removed after a subcommittee was sent a formal letter.

Jonathan Webb – In general professors do like getting feedback. But obviously issues in getting that feedback

Andrew P – Neuroscience – There is some feedback mechanism in our dept.

Rob Church - Law – do have a mechanism

Marcea – Education also has the same.

Jonathan Webb – Reports of TAFE members going to houses to try to get them to sign. Issue of complaints coming to him.

Chris Harris – same point about TAFE members

Vicky and Dave: They operated within legal means and the SGPS did not release any information of our membership for TAFE's use.

Steve – SGPS access to student information was cut off at the Registrars as the result of this. Why us? Why did they restrict our access.

Vicky – Wasn't the registrar's office – they were instructed to do this. Clearly an instance of discrimination.

Steve – Art History. Our dept wants to dissolve SGS. Asking all of you to ask your dept what actual services they receive from the SGS?

Jonathan Webb – we do get out transcripts from the SGS☺

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

MOTION

12/08/09:5

Whereas the Housing Committee was established in Council's August session;
and

Whereas the Housing Committee along with the Executive were charged with the task of initiating the process of establishing a separate Housing Authority which remains subservient to the SGPS; and

Whereas the Housing Committee along with the Executive have made preparations for the establishment of a new Housing Authority.

Moved Nosrat / Osterberg BIRT that the Housing Committee, along with the Executive, establish a separate non-profit Corporation in accordance with local, provincial, and federal laws in a timely manner.

Amir – seems to be something missing. Get a green light to move along with a housing service. Will not have any teeth unless SGPS releases money. Would have to go through two readings to actually release money. This is just about preparing the essentials for a housing service. We've discussed this at exec – we think it will be a worthwhile endeavour if we consider it as a long term investment. We need to leverage ourselves financially – 20 30 years down the road could be a valuable service to our membership.

Vicky – due to the gravity of this project and the comprehensive the report was – would like this to be tabled for one more month. Motion to table until January.

Moved by Vicky, seconded by Andrew

Jonathan Webb – Speaking against tabling until January. We have enough information to start looking into this process.

Nathaniel – This would be a very preliminary step . You would have to actually create and rarify bylaws.

Amir – There have been discussions since August. I think we would run out of time if we don't make an institutional commitment so that we can start laying the groundwork. That's why I would like to speak against tabling until January

Rob Church –Was happy that Vicky put this motion forward. Study is exactly what we wanted. I want a chance to read it. Before we establish a corporation it is a huge step. Give the Exec a chance to go to other third parties. Support motion to table.

Motion to table 09:5 until January passes

7. Main Motions

MOTION

12/08/09:6

Moved ___Kahn___ / ___Osterberg___ BIRT that Aasma Khan be ratified as the International Students Coordinator.

BIFRT Ivana Zelenika be ratified as the Sustainability Coordinator.

BIFRT Alessandro La Gomba be ratified as the Education Students Coordinator.

Motion carries.

MOTION

12/08/09:7

Whereas Motion 20 from the Closing Plenary of the 28th Annual Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) National General Meeting was passed; and

Whereas said motion is prohibitive of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students' ability to determine its membership in a national association of students; and

Whereas this prohibition is in conflict with the will of the Executive of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students.

Moved ___Osterberg___ / ___Leora Jackson___ BIRT a motion be brought to the Canadian Federation of Students next General Meeting to amend Motion 20 so that Bylaw 1 of the CFS's Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

“Article 6.b.iii be struck; and

Be it further resolved that Article 6.b.iv exclude 6.b.iii; and

Be it further resolved that Article 6.k. and 6.l., be amended to read:

k. Minimum Period Between Continued Membership Votes

In addition to required compliance with sections 6.a. to 6.j. and 6.l. in order for a referendum on continued membership to take place, no referendum on continued membership may be held within the previous twelve (12) months for voting members comprised of university graduate and or professional students, and thirty-six (36) months for voting members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the National Executive.

I. Minimum Period Between Vote to Federate and Vote on Continued Membership

In addition to required compliance with sections 6.a. to 6.k. in order for a referendum on continued membership to proceed, a referendum to join the

Federation may not have been held within the previous twelve (12) months for voting members comprised of university graduate and or professional students, and thirty-six (36) months for voting members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the National Executive”

Discussion:

Mark – CFS – SGPS is a member of the national Organization.

Steve – handout provided. Motion brought to CFS and the old policy. Basically motion asks that if a student org. wishes to disassociate with the CFS it may do so if petition of 20% of student membership, then referendum, CFS can come campaign to promote continued membership. Contentious issue – subsection b/3 – no more than 2 referendums in any three-month period. If referendum fails not allowed to disassociate for another 60 months. Steve and Amir feel that this motion should be scrapped and that it be changed to read 12 months not 60 months for grad and professional students.

Reason this is happening because a particular local (McGill) has been trying to disassociate – trying to create a log jam. Do not agree with it being 5 years.

Trying to prevent McGill from always trying to disassociate.

Don't want to leave the CFS – but I don't want to stay under those restrictions.

Asking council to go to the next AGM to propose these changes.

Leora – Moved by Leora and seconded by Amir: Motion to amend to include in the motion (09:7) that bylaw 1 article 6A be turned back to 10% petition signatures not 20%.

Moved by Andrew and Steve: Motion to extend meeting by half hour.

Amir – In support of Leora's amendment. Wants to point out that the McGill reps were not actually necessarily representative of their locals. Would also like to support the whole motion

Steve – speak against the motion. 10% is hard to reach. Reason it was bumped up to 20% - alleged members of McGill were sending around dropped CFS petitions. Wanted to ensure that it is a real movement to disassociate from CFS.

Vicky – Like to speak for part of this motion. Don't think being tricked into signing a petition is relevant to Leora's motion. Going back to 10% is only fair.

Chris Harris – point of information. How much support was there to change this bylaw?

Steve – 2 hours discussion on this motion. Fire alarm was pulled. Few were able to speak. Entire discussion was all about procedure. Amir and Steve did not have a chance to discuss. Was passed by a majority, a lot of abstentions. It was the worse display of abuse of the democratic process. No debate. Carried with no discussion. Fiasco. Think it is worth bringing it back

Rob Church – Motion makes it more difficult to leave the CFS association. Does seem like an abuse of the democratic process. I'd like to see you bring it down to 10%.

Steve – Not making fun of CFS. It was two locals that created the entire problem. The CFS actually did behave quite well.

Amendment Carries
Motion as amended carries.

MOTION

12/08/09:8

Moved Bae / Andrew BIRT that the following individuals be ratified as members of the SGPS Sustainability Standing Committee: Michael McHugh, Jaime Posen, Hideki Koshizuka, Nikki Philbrook, Alicia Ritcey, Trish Van Huesen; and

BIFRT the following individuals be ratified as members of the SGPS Finance and Services Standing Committee: Chad Edwards, Christopher Harris, Dany Theberge, Yashar Rahnavard, Peter Glagoscewiz, Gareth Stackhouse, Alex Mcleod, Steve Osterberg; and

BIFRT the following individuals be ratified as members of the SGPS Human Resource Standing [SPECIAL not STANDING?] Committee: Laura Wynne, Bridget Jeanes, Nawar Belah, Yashar Rahnavard, Candice Wright, Laura Gale, Tara Broere, Laura Dimitry, Dany Theberge, Pallavi Mhaisalkar, Mehek Mehta

Motion carries.

8. Other Business

Emergency Motion1. Moved by Steve and seconded by Andrew

Motion on Principal's Financial Update

Whereas the Principal's financial update (26 November 2009) expressed concern over the current financial recession and a Queen's projected operating deficit of \$8.3 million in 2009-2010; and

Whereas the principal announced that cuts to "salaries and benefits" that make up 70% of the budget must offset the projected deficit; and

Whereas the leading causes of Queen's financial deficit can be attributed to debt financing and the burden of related operational costs associated with capital projects, and

Whereas the Principal asked that QUFA reopen its collective agreement to contemplate a reduction of 2% in its already negotiated cost of living salary increase, and

Whereas faculty workloads have increased through increased graduate enrollment, larger class sizes, and unfilled faculty vacancies, and

Whereas permanent, across-the-board pay-cut would affect lower-paid faculty unfairly and impose disproportionate long-term burdens on faculty early in their careers; and

Whereas teaching assistants (TA) and teaching fellows (TF) are under threat of the budget cuts, and

Whereas budget cuts targeted at TA and TF positions will limit employment opportunities for graduate students, create larger class sizes, threaten course offerings, and increase the workload of instructors to negatively affect the quality of education on campus; and

Whereas Queen's senior administrative salaries between 2000 and 2007 have increased by between 44% and 148% (Principal 44%, VP Academic 81%, VP Finance 52%, VP Advancement 148%, and the Dean of Business 119%) and

Whereas in comparison faculty salaries have increased by 17.25% between 2002 and 2007 and

Whereas senior university administrators earn some of the highest salaries across Canada at a time when post-secondary institutions are facing dramatic cutbacks in public funding, and

Whereas the Queen's Administration has not presented recent budgets in a transparent form and that it in fact refused to submit to an independent audit when asked by QUFA last year.

Moved / BIRT that the SGPS demand that senior administration salaries (Deans, Vice Principals, and Principal) are scaled back to a level commensurate with a rate equal to average faculty salary growth since 2000 and subsequently frozen, before

any cuts to faculty and staff salaries are demanded or any cutbacks to TA and TFships considered.

Andrew P – Pay relative to other administrations.

Andrew – Like to speak in favour. TA/TF wages are pegged to the lowest sessional wage rate. Our members would have to take a cut, if lowest QUFA members take a wage cut. Resolution is not saying that we will take a cut if they decrease admin salaries.

Steve – Like to speak in favour of the motion. We are taking a political stand – it doesn't have any real teeth. Put it in print they are not willing to take a cut themselves.

Leora – Like to speak against the motion. Do think university treating QUFA unfairly. I don't think this motion expresses that sentiment. I'm against because I don't think in increase in admin salaries is a real increase. Have had turnover so it is not one real person – it is someone who has signed a new contract. Upper level administrators – those making \$200,000 above did take a salary freeze – still worth mentioning. The university can't demand that the faculty take a salary cut. Similarly the TA/TF cuts are decided at the departmental level.

Rob – I've looked at the Sunshine list. We do pay our administrators relatively less. In what form would this demand take? We have a number of VPs, Principals coming in. To have them come in their first few weeks. Doesn't seem to be the right foot to put forward when they have just arrived.

Mark – it could be addressed in many different ways. Could be brought up in senate, but it is a general mandate to exec and SGPS elected membership.

Vicky – Question. What kind of consultation has happened with faculty and staff? This is a fairly aggressive movement. Would like it to be directly for our membership. Would rather do it for our membership.

Andrew – TA/TF wages are set not at dept level, but by administrators. Excellent question of how to put this into motion. I think that it is up to exec and council to move on this. We're seeing a raise in compensation at the same time of a decrease in quality of education and funding.

Move to extend meeting by ½ hour, moved by Andrew and seconded by Amir.
Carries

Vote: 1st emergency Motion carries.

2nd emergency Motion:

Moved Steve Osterberg seconded by Jillian Burford –Grinnell

Motion on International Professional Student Tuition Increases

Whereas the Queen's board of Trustees approved on 4 December 2009 an increase of international Masters students' tuition fees in the professional programs (School of Policy Studies, School of Urban and Regional Planning and School of Rehabilitation Therapy) by 8% in the first year of study and 4% for continuing students in each year of study and

Whereas international undergraduate law and education students will also see their tuition fees rise by 10% in the first year of study and 5% for continuing students in each year of study and

Whereas the tuition fees will take effect 1 May 2010 and

Whereas international students are already financially burdened by tuition rates more than double their domestic colleagues and suffer considerable financial difficulty and

Whereas the SGPS and international professional and professional graduate students were not consulted on the tuition hike before it reached the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas the report of the Board of Trustees states that tuition increases to international graduate students were avoided as "increases to the graduate international student tuition fee will severely limit the utility of the International Tuition Award program (ITA) and reduce the number of awards that can be offered," and

Whereas the SGS is in the process of making ITAs voluntary and not required for all international Master's students and

Whereas the change in ITA policy will open the door for tuition increases for other graduate international students in 2011-2012.

Moved / BIRT that the SGPS strongly condemn the increase of tuition among its international professional undergraduate and professional graduate membership.

BIFRT that the SGPS condemn the lack of consultation with the SGPS and the international students affected by the tuition increases.

BIFRT that the SGPS condemn the intent of the ITA policy change to open the door to an increase in international graduate student tuition in 2011-2012

Steve – Report that Janice Deacon submitted. Tuition for international graduate programs. ITA be given to cover the extra costs that students pay in tuition, if they increase tuition then they would be forced to raise the ITA.

Andrew P: Point of clarification. How will the ITA changes actually affect ability to impose tuition increases.

Steve: Responds – no longer responsible to cover the differential between international students tuition and domestic students.

Vicky: I'm in support of this motion as a whole. Like to suggest an amendment. Like to divide the BIRT clauses? The last clause be considered a separate motion.

Vicky's motion to divide the BIRT clauses seconded by Chris Harris.

Vicky: I think they are both very important. Don't think they should be in one motion. I want to do justice to both of these issues.

Motion to divide carries.

Usman – I'm in favour of the motion. Student Advisor program many clients are international students with funding problems. It is heartbreaking to not have a good answer for them. I know that all the student advisors have a very strong opinion to tuition increases here at Queens.

Andrew Stevens – What is your position to any international professional students in this room. In the past other professional programmes have been more in favour of tuition increases.

Chris Harris – As an international student I can say that the tuition increases don't impact me that much, mainly because coming here for my education is not less expensive than any where else I had in mind. Without an ITA I would be paying – I need my ITA in order to get by this year. I would be more in the hole without it.

Amir – As an international student any tuition increase will make it harder and harder for me. Especially because my family does not make wages comparable to those in Canada. Essentially it is talking about the livelihood of our international students. They have a real problem voicing their concerns. I can speak on behalf of my friends if not all international students.

Vicky – Point of order. Was asking specifically about the professional programs.

Mark – Not a point of order. Any one who wants to speak should be able to.

Usman – Speaking as an international student. What type of international student do we want to attract to Queens. Compared to the States, much cheaper to come here, but most of the money that I've earned was in Pakistani rupees which were crap compared to the CDN dollar. I can not afford tuition increases. International students are a diverse body – do we want to attract a narrow sect, or a wide-variety of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. If we want to attract a diverse body of international students – increase tuition is not the way to do it.

Patricia P – Not aware of any international students in Rehabilitation Therapy. But do support the motion.

Leora – Need numbers to understand size of population. Undergrad students most affected by these tuition increases. 0 International students undergrad in law.

Rob Church – yes Law has been apathetic to tuition increases. Expectation will make more money – also look to Osgoode and UofT – pay less than that. Most likely deregulate law tuition after Reaching Higher ends.

Ryan - Electrical and Comp Engineering – Dept has a problem with accepting too many international students cause we won't be able operate.

First half of the BITR clauses (first two) carries.

Consideration of the second half of the divided motion (the last BITR clause)

Steve – Maybe need to amend second motion. Need to change "intent" to "use."
Seconded by Amir

Andrew P. – Confusion on ITA policy. Seems unclear what we are actually trying to say about ITA

Steve – Point of information. When did we need to give feedback

Andrew Stevens – against it as it stands. Would like to table. More interested in a supportive/positive comment. We are in support of using an ITA framework . . .

Amir – Can we refer to the executive.

Mark – yes, you can. Equivalent to tabling it to next month.

Steve – I'd like to withdrawal the motion.

Amendment fails;

Mark – Harder to bring a motion that fails rather than withdrawal. Can we table this motion?

Second Motion on ITAs fails.

Vicky – Giving Council notice. Will bring forward the issue of the SGPS's Queens Centre Capital Commitment before next Council meeting.

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, January 5th, 2010.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

12/08/09:9

Moved _____Osterberg_____ / _____Hussain_____ BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

12/08/09

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CFS-27

Attached:

November Minutes

Attendance November Meeting

Reports

Appendix 1 – Question submitted to Senate by SGPS Graduate Student Senator Andrew Stevens

Appendix 2 – Response to question to question regarding # of TAs

Appendix 3 – Response to question regarding Diversity Officer

Appendix 4 – Board of Trustee's report on International Students' Fees

Appendix 5 – Questions to Dr. Young in regards to Restructuring Proposal for Medical School

Appendix 6 – Restructuring Proposal for Medical School

Appendix 7 – Student Advisor Recommendations 2004-2008

Appendix 8 – TA Consultative Committee Report 2009

Appendix 9 - AMS/SGPS SERVICE AGREEMENT

Attendance**DATE: Tuesday, December 8th, 2009**

Department/Position	First Name	Last Name	Present
Aboriginal Rep	Dana	Wesley	
Aboriginal Rep	Shauna	Shiels	
Anatomy & Cell Biology	Marvin	Ferrer	X
Art Conservation	Hai-Yen	Nguyen	X
Art History	Catherine	Copp	
Biochemistry	Namit	Sharma	
Biology	Chris	Harris	X
Biology	Chad	Edwards	
Biomedical Engineering	Vacant	Vacant	
Biostatistics	Vacant	Vacant	
Board of Trustees Rep	Alfonso	Nocilla	
Chemical Engineering	Robert	Cockburn	
Chemical Engineering	Kristen	Bowey	
Chemistry	Jonathan	Webb	X
Civil Engineering	Omar	Khader	
Classics	Vacant	Vacant	
Community Health and Epidemic	Vacant	Vacant	
Computing Science	Dumitru	Onceanu	X
Computing Science	Mohammed	Hussain	X
Cultural Studies	Shannon	Speed	
Economics	Derek	Stacey	
Education - Graduate	Marcea	Ingersoll	X
Education Coordinator	Alessandro	La Gomba	
Electrical and Computer Enginee	Ryan	Bespalko	X
English	Andrew	Bingham	
Environmental Studies	Mike	McHugh	
ESS	Alex	Townsend	
ESS	Clara	Baik	
Education (Graduate)	Michael	Lockett	X
ESS President	Jarek	Piwowarczyk	
ESS VP External	Victoria	Forbes	
French	Usha	Rungoo	
Gender Studies	Katherine	Mazurok	
Geography	Giselle	Valarezo	
Geography	Trista	Wood	
Geology	Vivian	Wasiuta	X
German	Stefanie	Kullick	

Global Development	Vacant	Vacant	
Graduate Student Senator	Andrew	Stevens	
History	Josh	Cole	
Industrial Relations	Vacant	Vacant	
International Rep	Aasma	Khan	
Kinesiology and Health Studies	Heather	Gainforth	
Law	Rob	Church	X
Law	Sierra	Robson	
Law	Aniss	Amdiss	
Law - LSS President	Erin	Pleet	
Law Senator	Pat	Welsh	
Management	Joachim	Scholz	
Math	Philippe	DePass	
Mature Student Rep	Jillian	Burford-Grinnell	X
Mechanical and Material Engineering	Jerome	James	
Microbiology	Andrew	Purssell	X
Mining Engineering	James	Snyder	
Mining Engineering	Justin	Thompson	
Neuroscience	Andrew	Pruszyński	X
Nursing	Vacant	Vacant	
Part Time Rep	Lisa	Hughes	
Pathology	Mia	Golder	X
Pathology	Jess	Hickey	
Pharmacology	Mike	Philbrook	
Philosophy	Andrew	Ross	X
Physics	Eoin	O'Dwyer	X
Physiology	David	Rogrigues	
Policy Studies	Kate	McGarry	
Political Studies	Charan	Rainford	
Psychology	Sveda	Bahtiyar	
Public Administration	Tyler	Sutton	
Public Health	Vacant	Vacant	
Rector	Leora	Jackson	
Rehab Sciences (Professional)	Patricia	Papoutsis	X
Rehab Sciences (Research)	Mary	Thurgood	
Rehabilitation Therapy	Tessa	Young	
Religious Studies	Kathryn	Neeley	
Sociology	Stephanie	Cork	X
Spanish and Italian	Vacant	Vacant	

Theology	Yusuf	Kappaya	
Theology Senator	Erin	Burns	
Urban and Regional Planning	Ryan	Jeffrey	
SPEAKER *tie breaking vote only		Mark Rosner	X
DEPUTY SPEAKER		Neil Irvine	
PRESIDENT		<i>Vicky Bae</i>	X
VP CAMPAIGNS & COMM AFFAIRS		Stephen Osterberg	X
VP FINANCE & SERVICES		Amir Nosrat	X
VP GRADUATE		<i>David Thompson</i>	X
VP PROFESSIONAL		Kate Kahn	X
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		Sean Richards	X
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER		Sean Richards	X
EQUITY COMMISSIONER		<i>Sophia Virani</i>	
SOCIAL COMMISSIONER		Diala Habib	X
RECTOR		Leora Jackson	X
EDUCATION SENATOR		<i>vacant</i>	
GRAD SENATOR		Andrew Stevens	X
LAW SENATOR		Patrick Welsh	
THEOLOGY SENATOR		Erin Burns	
TRUSTEE		Alfonso Nocilla	X
CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER		<i>vacant</i>	
EDUCATION COORDINATOR		<i>Alessandro La Gomba</i>	
Sustainability Coordinator		Ivana Zelenika	
Equity Coordinator		Lara Szabo Greisman	
AMS PRESIDENT		Michael Ceci	