

Agenda

February 2, 2017 - 5:30pm Robert 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.



Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

A. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 02/01/17:1

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the February 2nd, 2017 Special Council Meeting.

Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)

Seconder: Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee)

Motion carried.



Main Motions

A. Ratification of Student Fee Questions – Mandatory

1	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Queen's Legal Aid fee of \$5.00 (mandatory) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University renew a fee of \$5.00 (mandatory) for Queen's Legal Aid?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Emma Thompson (Kinesiology Representative – Arts) Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services): Very good process implementing new student fee process. First time, SGPS members will be able to receive a referendum fee package which outlines what the group does, programming statistics, and final information. Happy to take feedback about asking program statistics about Walkhome. Transparent and everybody completed their packages. Motion carries.	MOTION 02/01/17:2
2	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Student Wellness Services (Health and Counselling) fee of \$58.93 (mandatory) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's	MOTION 02/01/17:3



	University renew a fee of \$58.93 (mandatory) for Student Wellness Services (Health and Counselling)?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative) Motion carries	
3	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Walkhome fee of \$19.86 (mandatory) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University renew a fee of \$19.86 (mandatory) for Walkhome?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Joanna Rees (Urban & Regional Planning Department Representative) Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) — Just having done an anecdotal poll, I don't know about any Graduate students who have used Walkhome. I feel it is something we should have in the Queen's Community. Perhaps we should do with reducing the fee to make it mandatory rather than optional. It's only \$20, but some students can't afford this. Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) — We're part of a tri-party agreement that governs SLC, which allows for the payment of Walkhome. The SGPS is then on the remainder for the fee. What I will go do is collect programming statistics. Members can now work for Walkhome. Need to have a discussion about the benefits to our community. Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative) — Where do you access Walkhome from?	MOTION 02/01/17:4
	Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) – Where the Oxfam goes – anytime between Wednesday and Saturday after 8pm. Motion carries.	



4	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Campus Observation Room fee of \$0.50 (mandatory) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University renew a fee of \$0.50 (mandatory) for Campus Observation Room?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Joanna Rees (Urban & Regional Planning Department Representative) Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee) – What is the COR? Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) – It's a support service for intoxicated students it's in Victoria Hall, run by University Health Services. Anybody who wants to learn; information is available online. Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) – Just in case the COR had never been used by Graduate students, but had to bring students there as a Social Coordinator at one point. Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative) – It's good that we have that. Don't get me wrong, I don't want to use it.	MOTION 02/01/17:5
5	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Queen's Clubs Office Fee of \$5.00 (mandatory) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University establish a fee of \$5.00 (mandatory) for the Queen's Clubs Office?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Sebastian Gorlewski (VP Graduate) Grace Kim (Clubs Manager) – We offer resources in terms of funding to clubs.	MOTION 02/01/17:6
	Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) – It merged our old SGPS Clubs Office – colossal improvement.	



	Motion carries.	
6	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Ban Righ Centre fee of \$3.00 (mandatory) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University establish a fee of \$3.00 (mandatory) for the Ban Righ Centre?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) Motion carries	MOTION 02/01/17:7
7	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Centre for Teaching and Learning fee of \$1.35 (mandatory) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University establish a fee of \$1.35 (mandatory) for the Centre for Teaching and Learning?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) Motion carries.	MOTION 02/01/17:8

B. Ratification of Student Fee Questions – Optional

1	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the HIV/AIDs Regional Services (HARS) fee of \$1.00 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University renew a fee of \$1.00 (optional) for HIV/AIDs Regional Services (HARS)?"	MOTION 02/01/17:9
	Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)	
	Seconder: Kristopher Jones (Sociology Department Representative)	
	Motion carries.	



2	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre fee of \$0.90 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University renew a fee of \$0.90 (optional) for Levana Gender Advocacy Centre?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee) Motion carries.	MOTION 02/01/17:10
3	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Oxfam Queen's fee of \$0.87 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University renew a fee of \$0.87 (optional) for Oxfam Queen's?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Marissa Monette (Art Conservation Department Representative) Motion carries.	MOTION 02/01/17:11
4	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Reelout Arts Project Inc. fee of \$1.77 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University renew a fee of \$1.77 (optional) for Reelout Arts Project Inc.?" Motioner: Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) Seconder: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Motion carries.	MOTION 02/01/17:12
5	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Union Gallery fee of \$3.00 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University renew a fee of \$3.00 (optional) for Union Gallery?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)	MOTION 02/01/17:13



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	Seconder: Marissa Monette (Art Conservation Department Representative)	
	Motion carries.	
6	BIRT SGPS Council approve that Camp Outlook fee of \$1.00 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University establish a fee of \$1.00 (optional) for Camp Outlook?"	MOTION 02/01/17:14
	Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)	
	Seconder: Valerie Freemantle (Geography Representative)	
	Motion carries.	
7	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Queen's Daycare Centre fee of \$1.00 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University establish a fee of \$1.00 (optional) for Queen's Daycare Centre?"	MOTION 02/01/17:15
	Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)	
	Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) – Why are we establishing this fee? Do we get any benefits if we want to enter?	
	Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) – It aids our organization to have access to a daycare center.	
	Motion carries.	
8	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Sexual Assault Centre Kingston fee of \$1.00 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University establish a fee of \$1.00 (optional) for Sexual Assault Centre Kingston?"	MOTION 02/01/17:16
	Motioner: Kristopher Jones (Sociology Department Representative)	
	Seconder: Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator)	
	Motion carries.	



9	BIRT SGPS Council approve that the Telephone Aid Line Kingston fee of \$0.75 (optional) be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University establish a fee of \$0.75 (optional) for Telephone Aid Line Kingston?"	MOTION 02/01/17:17	
	Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Valerie Freemantle (Geography Representative)		
	Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) – Can we find out more about this fee?		
	Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) – If there's any other information that's not listed there, we can have it forwarded to you.		
	Sebastian Gorlewski (VP Graduate) – They're a telephone aid line for mostly Queen's and the student community and they provide mental health support for students.		
	Motion carries.		

C. Ratification of SGPS Executive Candidates

1	BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of Adam Grotsky onto the election ballot for the position of President in the following form: "Do you agree to the acclamation of Adam Grosky to the position of President of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Emma Thompson (Kinesiology Representative – Arts) Motion carries.	MOTION 02/01/17:18
2	BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of Lauren Peacock onto the election ballot for the position of Vice President Finance and Services in the following form: "Do you agree to the acclamation of Lauren Peacock to the position of	MOTION 02/01/17:19



3	Vice President Finance and Services of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University?" Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) Seconder: Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative) Motion carries. BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of Stephy McKnight onto the election ballot for the position of Vice President Graduate in the following form: "Do you agree to the acclamation of Stephy McKnight to the position of Vice President Graduate of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University?"	MOTION 02/01/17:20
	Motioner: Kristopher Jones (Sociology Department Representative) Seconder: Emma Thompson (Kinesiology Representative – Arts)	
	Motion carries.	
4	BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of Russel Durward onto the election ballot for the position of Vice President Professional in the following form: "Do you agree to the acclamation of Russel Durward to the position of Vice President Professional of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University?"	MOTION 02/01/17:21
	Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)	
	Seconder: Marissa Monette (Art Conservation Department Representative)	
	Motion carries.	

D. Extension of Nomination Period Motion

BIRT that Council make exception to Policy P.9 - Elections, permitting the extension of the election nomination period for open positions – Vice President – Campaigns and Community



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(tonight).

Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) - There is a by election provision to allow for vacant positions in mid-April. It'd be great to have all 5 Executives to be able to transition in May. This would smooth over the transition period over the next two months.

Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee) – This would mean that they would not have to get the 25 signatures. Not that those who take advantage of this process, whereas the four people who went through the process went through this. We just need to be mindful of the process.

Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) – I had the same thought. That being said, we have four Execs that will be acclaimed. That they will walk into the position with 25 signatures. If these positions are

Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) – I totally agree. Policy is written in terms of timelines. Given ratification time and getting physically on the ballot. I think what we should do is have a signature component of this, we put forward a smarter timeline in future that forces us to do more

Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee) – So then I would both a revision to the motion to involve something of the candidates if we may acclimate. I'll move a motion to add 25 signatures to the by the all candidates meeting tomorrow.

Amendment Motioner: Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee)

Amendment Seconder: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)

Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) - Could we reduce this to 10. 15?

Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee) – Yes, let's change it to 15. That's a friendly amendment.

Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services) – I'll run downstairs and get signature packages.

Timothy Ng (Computing Department Representative) – What happens if we happened not to get any candidates.

Annie MacGregor (Chief Returning Officer) – We would have a by-election at the end of April and hopefully get some candidates.



Ciara Bracken-Roche (Graduate Student Senator) – Can I raise the point of personal privilege – my name is pronounced 'Kira'.

Jennifer Williams (Speaker) – My apologies; I'll pronounce it 'Kira' in future.

Amendment call to question: motion carries.

Overall motion carries.

E. Call for nominations for Vice President – Campaigns and Community Affairs

BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of Tyler Morrison and Lena Yahia onto the election ballot for the position of Vice President Campaigns and Community Affairs in the following form: "Please vote for one of the below candidates to the position of Vice President Campaigns and Community Affairs of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen's University? Reponses: Tyler Morrison, Lena Yahia"

Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)

Seconder: Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative)

Motion carries.

F. Call for nominations for Graduate Student Senator

BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of Simon Gollish and Hassan Kettaneh onto the election ballot for the position of Graduate Student Senator in the following form: "Please vote for one of the below candidates to the position of Graduate Student Senator? Reponses: Simon Gollish, Hassan Kettaneh."

Motioner: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)



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Seconder: Terry Soleas (Graduate Education PhD Representative)

Motion carries.

Please note: following the meeting, the elections team received news of a candidate (Alexandru Sonoc) who had submitted a package to the main office of the SGPS. An electronic vote to add this candidate to the ballot was made shortly after the meeting and was successful



Notices of Motion & Announcements

- A. The SGPS Winter General meeting will be on February 15th at 5:30pm (location MacCorry B201). Motions are due by Tuesday, February 7th at 4:00pm.
- B. The next Council meeting will be February 28th at 5:30 PM (location Walter Light Hall 201). Motions for the February Council meeting are due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 21st.



Adjournment

A. Adjournment

Motion 02/01/17:22

BIRT this special meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

Motioner: Adam Ali (Graduate Student Trustee)

Seconder: Stuart Clark (VP Finance & Services)

Motion carries.