



**society of graduate & professional students**  
**CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27**  
**MINUTES**

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council  
*Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students*  
Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 5:30PM  
**McLaughlin Room, JDUC**

## **1. Presentations**

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Ashley Vanstone: Will join us to discuss his new role as a mental health counsellor embedded in the School of Graduate Studies. This position has been newly created and comes with a broad mandate to implement customized, responsive services to support the mental health and well-being of grad students at Queen's. His activities will include one to one counselling of grad students, consultation to faculty, staff, and student groups, educational programming on issues relevant to psychological well-being, and advising management about the mental health implications of University policies and practices. He views the collaboration of SGPS as critical to ensuring the effectiveness of this role and is actively seeking the input of anyone who may have ideas, opinions, critiques, or concerns relevant to setting the mental health agenda for the coming months.

Ashley: My services are targeted towards graduate students. I encourage feedback and input from leaders in graduate student community. 65% of my time will be set for direct counseling (1 on 1). I can help with a range of issues, from stress, to hitting a rough patch and needing a forum to talk about issues. No issues are too trivial. I also have a consultation role, primarily for faculty and staff who are in a difficult relationship, where a mental health issue may be at play. I plan on moving my office to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of The School of Graduate Studies.

Questions:

Julian Chesterman: Wait times compared to crisis services?

Ashley: The wait lists are lower. I don't want people to wait more than 2 weeks on non-urgent matters. I cannot offer a crisis service. Crises are best directed to the main counseling services.

Eric Rapos: Can you plan to meet students outside of office? (people may not be comfortable with setting)

Ashley: I can meet off site if people want. Currently there is no mechanism in place to flag that before the first appointment.

Kris Singh: Graduate students come from a variety of backgrounds. Are there alternate outlets for people who are not comfortable with speaking with you?

Ashley: There is no reason why would have to speak to me, if you feel more comfortable with another councilor you are more than welcome to speak to them.

Becky Pero: Student advisors see 70% of international students. Maybe you and the student advisors should work together?

Ashley: We will work together.

VP Professional Candidates: Cody Yorke – third year Law student. Brief discussion of prior involvement with the SGPS.

## **2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes**

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### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:1**

Moved: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Meagan Crane ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

BIRT the agenda for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council meeting be adopted.

*Motion Carried*

### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:2**

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

Seconded: Becky Pero ([vpj@sgps.ca](mailto:vpj@sgps.ca))

BIRT the minutes for the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council meeting be accepted.

*Motion Carried*

## **3. Executive and Speaker Reports**

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- a. President – Iain Reeve (report attached)
  - Ontario municipality board: The ruling was in the student's favour. Students will be counted for next year election and future elections. The next steps are to make sure we make use of this. Tuition fees: We are close to getting tuition fees to start in September instead of in May. Hold collection of tuition fees until finished defense. My opinion is we should find a benchmark, and after which time students should not have to pay the tuition fees eg. Organising the defense committee. Last month, Senate committee reviewed policy for program closures. We are looking into protection plans for students who have not finished their degree. Eg. Move students to another program.
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Vacant (no report)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Meagan Crane (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**

**11/12/13:3**

Moved: Becky Pero ([vpg@sgps.ca](mailto:vpg@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

*Motion Carried*

**4. Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports**

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- a. Graduate Student Senator – Hamid Falahati (report attached)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod (report attached)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
  - i. Social Commissioner – Margaux MacDonald (report attached)
    - End of term mixer on November 28 at the Grad club 6-9pm on Thursday, and you can stay for trivia.
  - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
  - iii. Equity Commissioner: Robin Westland (report attached)
  - iv. International Students' Affairs Commissioner: Tian Lu (report attached)
- e. Other Reports
  - i. Equity Coordinator – Colleen Webber (report attached)
  - ii. International Students' Affairs Coordinator: Kris Singh (report attached)
  - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Gulaid Egeh (report attached)
  - iv. Athletics Coordinator – Richard Elliott (no report)
  - v. Logistics Coordinator – Ciara Bracken-Roche (no report)
  - vi. Planning Coordinator – Vacant (no report)
  - vii. Rector – Nick Francis (report attached)
    - Tri-color award forms are now online. One significant change is that the deadline is now Jan 21. We have now placed restrictions on references: there is a minimum requirement of 5 and a max of 7. I am stepping down as Rector and the position will be available in January.
  - viii. Chief Returning Officer – Laura Levick (report attached)
  - ix. Departmental Reports

**MOTION**

**11/12/13:4**

Moved: Meagan Crane ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

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

BIRT the Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee and Other Reports be accepted.

*Motion Carried*

## **5. Question Period/Departmental Issues**

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Nick Francis: The AMS assembly is supposed to have a representative for the international student population. The discussion will be next week. What is the main value of having an international representative on a student body?

Kris Singh: The main reason is the international students are underrepresented. This international representative provides for forum to include this population.

## **6. Business Arising From the Minutes**

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### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:5**

Moved: Eric Rapos

Seconded: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council take from the table motion 10/08/13:5

“Whereas there existed some ambiguity in the Year Plan policy; and

Whereas there was some duplicated wording in the Year Plan policy; and

Whereas the new hiring timeline for Appointees of Council means year plan submission alongside the Executive is not feasible,

BIRT P.4.4 Year Plans be modified as seen in the October Council Appendices.”

### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:5 M-1**

Moved: Eric Rapos

Seconded: Meagan Crane ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council strike P.4.4.e

*Motion to Amend Carried*

### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:5**

Moved: Eric Rapos

Seconded: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

*Motion Carried as Amended*

## **7. Main Motions**

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### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:6**

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

Seconded: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT SGPS Council appoint <insert name here> as the new VP Professional of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students for the remainder of the current Executive term.

### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:6 M-1**

Moved: Eric Rapos

Seconded: Julian Chesterman

BIRT SGPS Council change <insert name here> to Cody Yorke

*Motion to Amend Carried*

### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:6**

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

Seconded: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

*Motion Carried as Amended*

### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:7**

Moved: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Becky Pero ([vpg@sgps.ca](mailto:vpg@sgps.ca))

Whereas the Speaker has been tasked to develop policy surrounding use of SGPS rooms within the JDUC,

BIRT SGPS Council approve the SGPS Space Use Policy as seen in the appendix.

Iain Reeve: Rooms in the JDUC have been vacant, and I want to find groups to fill the rooms. We need a policy so we can manage room space.

*Motion Carried*

### **MOTION**

**11/12/13:8**

Moved: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Becky Pero ([vpg@sgps.ca](mailto:vpg@sgps.ca))

Whereas members of the ESS are unable to attend SGPS Council meetings until 6:30 pm due to conflicting class times,

BIRT SGPS Council agree to change Council meeting times to 6:30 pm for the 2013-2014 academic year.

*Motion Carried*

**MOTION**

**11/12/13:9**

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

Seconded: Becky Pero ([vpg@sgps.ca](mailto:vpg@sgps.ca))

Whereas last year the SGPS was contacted by various members asking for assistance over the December holiday break;

Whereas the SGPS ran a “Holiday Assistance Campaign” that assisted 18 student families at Queen’s in 2011, and 20 families in 2012 over the winter break;

Whereas this year, members have already contacted the SGPS indicating their need for this assistance this December break;

Whereas the SGPS has allocated up to \$1000 as per the 2013-14 budget under the Charity heading;

BIRT that SGPS provide up to \$850 to the SGPS Holiday Assistance Program to support members over the December holiday break.

*Motion Carried*

**8. Other Business**

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Iain Reeve: Fall GM is approaching, every SGPS member has voting rights. The GM will be focus around Council reform. Please note, everyone needs to bring a validated student card to vote and speak.

**9. Notice of Motions & Announcements**

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- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 by 4:00 pm.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- c. The SGPS Fall General Meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Wallace Hall (JDUC).
- d. Congratulations are extended to Sean Richards, Executive Director of the SGPS, on his 100<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

## 10. Adjournment

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### MOTION

11/12/13:10

Moved: Meagan Crane ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Becky Pero ([vpg@sgps.ca](mailto:vpg@sgps.ca))

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

*Motion Carried*

11/12/13

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Attached:

October 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes

November Reports

SGPS Space Use Policy

P.4.4 Year Plans (Summary of Changes)

**Council Attendance: November 2013** (page 1 of 4)

Name		Represents	Present	Needs Tent Card
		Aboriginal Rep		
Marvin	Ferrer	Anatomy & Cell Biology		
Lauren	Buttle	Art Conservation	<b>X</b>	
Alison	Fraser	Art History		
		Biochemistry		
Jared	McDonald	Biology		
Alex	Ross	Biology	<b>X</b>	
Julian	Chesterman	Biomedical Engineering	<b>X</b>	
		Biostatistics		
James	MacLeod	Board of Trustees Rep	<b>X</b>	
Suzanne	Rath	Business PhD	<b>X</b>	
Preusser	Calista	Chemical Engineering	<b>X</b>	
Nausheen	Sadiq	Chemistry	<b>X</b>	
Ryley	Beddoe	Civil Engineering	<b>X</b>	
		Classics		
Lidija	Latifovic	Community Health and Epidemiology		
Eric	Rapos	Computing Science	<b>X</b>	
Thomas	Vaughan	Computing Science	<b>X</b>	
Rami	Bahgat	Cultural Studies		
Alex	McLeod	Economics		
Chi	Yan Lam	Education - Graduate - President		
Sean	Cousins	Education - Graduate M.Ed		
Stefan	Merchant	Education - Graduate PhD		
Iman	Faraji	Electrical and Computer Engineering	<b>X</b>	
Tatevik Vita	Nersisyan	English	<b>X</b>	
Patricia	Oprea	English		



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Byomkesh	Talukder	Environmental Studies		
Mairead	Weir	ESS	<b>X</b>	
Tyler	Hughes	ESS		
Natalie	Tsui	ESS President		
Alanna	Gilmour	ESS/SGPS Liason		
Kyle	Stepa	French	<b>X</b>	
Judicael	Zounmevo	GECE President		
Monique	Harvison	Gender Studies		
Sinead	Earley	Geography	<b>X</b>	
Alexandra	Giancarlo	Geography		
Jennifer	Bentz	Geology		
		German		
Hayley	Morgan	Global Development		
Tabitha	Renaud	History		
Carolyn	Lee	Industrial Relations		
Matthew	Cathmoir	Industrial Relations		
Bo	Liu	International Rep		
Tobias	Langguth	International Rep		
Robert	Bentley	Kinesiology and Health Studies	<b>X</b>	
Sarah	Barnes	Kinesiology and Health Studies	<b>X</b>	
Stefanie	Kullick	Languages, Literatures & Cultures		
David	Israelsohn	Law		
Paul	Warchuk	Law	<b>X</b>	
Mariella	Montplaisir-Bazan	Law - Graduate		
Naheed	Yaqubian	Law - LSS President		
		Management		
Saeed	Akhavan Astaneh	Math and Stats		
		Mature Student Rep		

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Robert	Nishida	Mechanical and Material Engineering		
Sarah	Martz	Microbiology		
John	Forster	Mining Engineering		
Alexander	Cushing	Mining Engineering		
Katherine	Sainsbury	MPA	<b>X</b>	
Maral	Kiani	MPA	<b>X</b>	
Jessica	Evans	MPA	<b>X</b>	
Farin	Bourojeni	Neuroscience		
Jane	van de Ven-Dantes	Nursing		
		Part Time Rep		
Victoria	Hoskin	Pathology	<b>X</b>	
Jackie	Leonard	Pathology	<b>X</b>	
Yohan	D'Souza	Pharmacology		
Christine	Esselmont	Philosophy	<b>X</b>	
James	Brown	Physics	<b>X</b>	
Andrea	Mimee	Physiology		
Ian	Robinson	Political Studies	<b>X</b>	
Joyce	Li	Psychology	<b>X</b>	
Megan	Jaquith	Public Health		
Nick	Francis	Rector	<b>X</b>	
Kristen	Gamble	Rehab Sciences (Professional)		
		Rehab Sciences (Research)		
		Rehabilitation Therapy		
		Religious Studies		
		School of Religion		
Robert	Lawson	School of Religion		
Hamid	Falahati	Senator: SGPS	<b>X</b>	
Andrew	Bigioni	Senator: Law	<b>X</b>	

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Laurel	Paterson	Senator: Rehab Therapy		
		Sociology		
Jenna	Thibault	Urban and Regional Planning	<b>X</b>	
<b>SGPS Executive &amp; Staff</b>				
Iain	Reeve	President	<b>X</b>	
Meagan	Crane	VP Campaigns & Community Affairs	<b>X</b>	
Jillian	Burford-Grinnell	VP Finance & Services	<b>X</b>	
Becky	Pero	VP Graduate	<b>X</b>	
Cody	Kolsteren Yorke	VP Professional	<b>X</b>	
Anne-Marie	Grondin	Executive Assistant		
Sean	Richards	Executive Director	<b>X</b>	
Margaux	MacDonald	Social Commissioner	<b>X</b>	
Prashant	Agrawal	Athletics Coordinator		
Ciara	Bracken-Roche	Logistics Coordinator		
Jamie	Summers	Planning Coordinator		
Robin	Westland	Equity Commissioner		
Colleen	Webber	Equity Coordinator	<b>X</b>	
Tian	Lu	International Commissioner		
Kris	Singh	International Coordinator	<b>X</b>	
Gulaid	Egeh	Sustainability Coordinator	<b>X</b>	
James	MacLeod	Speaker	<b>X</b>	
Jason	Zelt	Deputy Speaker	<b>X</b>	
Laura	Levick	Chief Returning Officer		