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November 10th, 2015 - 5:30pm
McLaughlin Room, John Deutsch University Centre



Presentations

A. None

Called to order at 5:30pm EST.



Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

A. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 11/10/15:1

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@SGPS.ca)

Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@SGPS.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the November 10, 2015 Council Meeting.

Motion carried.

B. Adoption of the Minutes

MOTION 11/10/15:2

[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@SGPS.ca)

Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@SGPS.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the October 13, 2015 Council Meeting.

Motion carried.

C. Adoption of the Minutes

MOTION 11/10/15:3

[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@SGPS.ca)

Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@SGPS.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the October 27, 2015 Special Council Meeting.



SGPS
Society of Graduate &
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Motion carried.



Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Chris Cochrane (report attached)
Want to add three other things. 1 – Sit on the Queen’s national scholar (QNS) review committee. Seed funding for new faculty members where the department can demonstrate need. 2 – Update from strategic enrolment management group. 3 – Asfar and I gave report to university council (mostly an advisory group) spoke of issues that relate to our membership. Specifically alumni involvement and networking.
- b. VP Graduate – Mark Kellenberger (report attached)
Nothing to add.
- c. VP Professional – Mark Asfar (report attached)
Commissioner applications are due on Friday.
- d. VP Finance & Services – Christina Huber (report attached)
Nothing to add.
- e. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Lorne Beswick (report attached)
20-25 winter coats have been kept for any need in our membership. The coats have mysteriously disappeared. Nobody seems to be sure why they left or where they are. I would still like to have these resources available. Despite the fact that the coats are gone, I will still find a way to support this initiative.

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Eric Rapos (report attached)
In 2 weeks we have our fall general meeting. Please encourage members to attend. Each member has their own vote so councilors do not represent their constituents in this meeting.

C. Approval

MOTION 11/10/15:4

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@SGPS.ca)

Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@SGPS.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

Jared Houston – can I ask about year plans.

Eric Rapos – there is a section for that. Please wait until that time.



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Motion carried.



Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

- A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Eric Rapos (report attached)
- B. Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod (report attached)
- C. Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Erica Baker (report attached)
 - b. International Students Affairs Commissioner – vacant (no report)
 - c. Social Commissioner – Ciara Bracken-Roche (report attached)
- D. Committee Reports**
 - a. Finance & Services Standing Committee – C. Huber & C. Cochrane (report attached)
Line in report that said no funding was given for club funding. Exercise is medicine has in fact received funding.
- E. Other Reports**
 - a. University Rector – Mike Young (no report)
 - b. Chief Returning Officer – Travis Skippon (no report)
 - c. Departmental Reports (none received)

F. Approval

MOTION 11/10/15:5

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@SGPS.ca)

Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@SGPS.ca)

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

Motion carried.



Question Period & Departmental Issues

A. Questions Regarding Athletics & Recreation – Eric Fedosejevs, Biology

1. Given that: 1) the SGPS has a representative on the University Council on Athletics and Recreation (UCAR), which is responsible for budgetary oversight of Athletics and Recreation;



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2) the UCAR Terms of Reference specify that “A&R shall listen to and openly communicate with [its] constituents”; 3) Queen’s University is an Ontario government institution, funded primarily by students and taxpayers and serving the same, and is subject to the disclosure requirements of the Ontario Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSO 1990, c F.31, s 1, which has as one of its principals that “information should be available to the public”; 4) other Ontario Universities publish their Athletics budgets; and 5) according to SGPS policy P.1.2.4.d (4) vii, prior to approving the Athletics and Recreation fee renewal for referendum next Spring, Athletics and Recreation must provide a “copy of its most recent financial statements and budget and a copy of its proposed budget... which should reveal sources and quantity of income and also sources and quantity of expenses”, does the SGPS Executive have access to the 2015-16 Athletics and Recreation budget and, if not, why not, and when does it expect to receive it?

Mark Kellenberger – I am the SGPS rep to A&R. no meetings to date so I am unable to speak to it at this time. Many of the answers to these questions are contained in the document in the appendix. Specifically I do not have any athletics budget info as I have yet to attend any meetings on the matter.

Eric Fedosejevs – did the previous president leave any files?

Chris Cochrane – perhaps. I have not looked.

2. If the SGPS Executive does have access to the 2015-16 Athletics and Recreation Budget, how much of the Athletics and Recreation Budget is spent on ‘Inter-University Sports’ vs. ‘Casual Recreation and Sports Clubs’? I note that in the last budget summary released to SGPS members in 2009, Athletics and Recreation spent 50% of its budget on ‘Inter-University Sports’, and 43% on ‘Recreation’. How does this compare with the percentage of SGPS members who participate in Inter-University Sports? Would it be possible to earmark SGPS Athletics and Recreation fees so that they are not spent on services that exclude the vast majority of our membership?

Mark Kellenberger – no we do not currently have the budget. Percentage of SGPS members is contained in the appendix. Discussions will be had in early 2016 with A&R to discuss some of these topics.

Eric Fedosejevs – what opportunity to we have to amend the proposed fee from A&R.



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Eric Rapos – the question will ask whether or not the fee is renewed. In a following year, we could deal with the amount of the fee. The fact this year is that the fee is up for renewal.

Chris Cochrane – do you want to change the amount of the fee

Eric Fedosejevs – I want decent service in exchange for the fee that we pay. Majority of money goes toward varsity sports. Not fair in my opinion. About 1.5 percent of SGPS members are varsity. Why is half the budget going there? Is there no way within the current bylaws where we can earmark the money?

Eric Rapos – in terms of fees, the fee is set at a certain amount and the recipient of the fee largely decides how the fee is used (within limits).

Eric Fedosejevs – there are private donors that give considerable sums to A&R. they can earmark where their money goes. Would seem that it should be possible that SGPS can force money to certain areas.

Travis Skippon – agree with what you are saying. A&R might say that the donors are giving the money away whereas we are getting service for the money. I think we should try and negotiate for this. We get something in return even if it is something that not everyone is happy with.

Mark Asfar – interesting point. Think there is merit to the argument. Perhaps our members should not be paying for things we are not using. We pay a fractional cost compared to AMS members. Reasonable question to ask – where do the fees go?

Eric Fedosejevs – our fee is lower than AMS, yes. Consider that a large part of the A&R budget comes from central university funding. We can't control how university spends general revenue but we may have control over how our money is allocated.

3. Athletics and Recreation shared various Athletics usage information with the SGPS Executive in advance of the October Council Meeting (see Appendices). Only one figure was shared with Council, however: the number of unique SGPS members who visited the ARC in the 2014 calendar year. Could the Executive please share some additional information with council, such as how often the average SGPS member accessed the ARC in 2014?

Mark Kellenberger – that is the exact same table that we received last month.



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Eric Fedosejevs – table is by calendar year and not academic year. Approx. 6400 unique SGPS members in the calendar year. So 20% of members did not attend the arc at all.

4. Is the SGPS Executive familiar with a proposal by Athletics and Recreation to convert a floor of the PEC into a High Performance Sports Centre as part of the 67 Union Street Project (see Appendices)? Will student fees be used to pay for this project, which includes lounge space, hot tubs, and a dedicated indoor above/below-ground link to the ARC, and which will only be accessible to varsity athletes?

Mark Kellenberger – for anyone that does not know, ongoing discussions to work on the old PEC spaces. Part of proposal for renovations is to increase the usable athletics space. I have not spoken to athletics about this. Not sure what a high performance facility represents nor do I know if this would be only for varsity athletes.

Chris Cochrane – discussed with athletics and the implication is that it would be only for varsity athletes.

Mark Kellenberger – renovation will not only be for athletics. Some will be dedicated to engineering and applied science. So it is a student life and student wellness space. Trying to shoehorn into one building.

Fiona Sinclair – my experience is that it is all very much up in the air at this point. Seems to be a lot of uncertainty surrounding what it will be.

Eric Fedosejevs – confirmed that upper level will have HCDS.

Mark Kellenberger – from discussions I have heard, seems like only reason engineering was in the discussion is that engineering would give a lot of money.

Fiona Sinclair – engineering what not happy with the cost and were planning to fight that – coming from the dean of engineering.

5. Is the SGPS Executive familiar with the final report of the “Special Purpose Committee on Advocating for American-Style Athletic Support in Ontario” which was prepared in consultation with UCAR and which was presented to Principal Woolf on November 8th, 2014 at the 139th Annual Meeting of the University Council? If so, could the Executive please summarize the report and describe its likely effect on Athletics and Recreation funding



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priorities and how this will affect SGPS members? Does the Executive believe that a public Canadian University should be spending taxpayer money and mandatory student fees on the construction of an American-style college sports program?

Mark Kellenberger – not familiar with the report. SGPS does not have a rep.

Chris Cochrane – have heard of the report but have not read the report. Was a discussion I was not privy to (just this past weekend). I can try and get the minutes.

Eric Fedosejevs – yes that would help. Was hoping previous person left some information for us. Read details from some document from athletics. Would like to ask for an opinion – tax payer dollars and tuition – should it be used to make an American style athletics at queens?

Mark Asfar – looking at theoretical thoughts. Not sure what this report on American style athletics. Not sure if that is bad or good. Need more information and discussion. We should not spend money without thinking about it. Obviously money should not be wasted. Has not gone anywhere yet – just gone to a body that is making recommendations. Whatever comes out of the university – we always want to ensure our members are getting benefit.

Mark Kellenberger – what is an American style sports system?

Chris Cochrane – every committee that comes out of university council is called a special purpose committee.

Eric Fedosejevs – would love to know what is in the report but I do not yet have a copy.

Ben Cecchetto – any investigate if these fees could not be mandatory anymore?

Mark Kellenberger – talked about this a few meetings ago. If the fee was not mandatory, the price for a membership at the arc would balloon tremendously. Significantly more than 1% use the space.

Ben Cecchetto – forced to pay this – it is frustrating that I can't use the service when I want to.



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Mark Kellenberger – we will discuss this when they want to renew the fee. Also agree that members should be able to use the services in the same way as others.

Eric Fedosejevs – if everyone deserves access, does that include the new facility? Any recourse to encourage them to let all members use this new space?

Mark Kellenberger – not sure what to do now, still in the planning phase. If it is in fact a reserved space, a referendum can be forced.

Eric Fedosejevs – giving stats and math to indicate what members are paying.

Chris Cochrane – athletics fee is about more than just the arc. It is not just arc access.

Eric Fedosejevs – try but other parts of the service also require access to the arc for example intramurals often use the gym.

Mark Asfar – want hard stats. Not capable of answering right now. Can we motion to request athletics to come to the next meeting?

Eric Rapos – no motion necessary

Mark Asfar – we can ask them directly and they can answer directly.

Travis Skippon – yes please do invite them.

B. Question & Discussion on Follow Up from CFS Presentation – Jared Houston, Philosophy

As a follow up to the presentation in September, some members of my constituency are interested in looking at the research carried out by the CFS themselves, and were also wondering: Is the SGPS organizing any follow-up with respect to the concerns raised in the research?

Mark Kellenberger – one specific portion of the rather large report or is there something specific that you want?

Jared Houston – I want to see the presentation files.



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Chris Cochrane – will send to Eric so he can send to councilors. The format may have some artifacts. CFS will release the next stage so there should be more information coming this month. Members can contact me and I can request that the CFS look at the data in the way that we want them to look. Assuming enough participants from the queen's community. Been working over the last week with Mark Asfar regarding what we can do about harassment at the member lever. Also been waiting for the HRO report, which is stuck currently with the provost. Should lead to a working group to look at the issue of harassment within our membership.

Mark Asfar – thanks for bringing this back to the membership. Working on this slowly with the rest of the executive. Issues have somehow gone under the radar for administrators. Brought it up at SONAD yesterday. Broadly exploring in the student advisor program. Bringing this up in as many places as it makes sense. Very complex problem that has persisted for too long. We are having dialogue across the university to move ahead on the issue.



Business Arising from the Minutes

A. CFS Delegate

MOTION 10/13/15:6

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@SGPS.ca)

Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@SGPS.ca)

Whereas the SGPS is a member local of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS); and

Whereas the CFS will be holding its 34th Annual National General Meeting from Sunday November 22 to Wednesday November 25; and

Whereas the SGPS Executive is unable to select from among itself a representative for this meeting due to scheduling conflicts;

BIRT SGPS Council designate [insert name here] to represent the SGPS at the 34th Annual National General Meeting of the CFS, November 22 – November 25, 2015.

Mark Asfar – vote down this motion – can I say that officially? The CFS is no longer allowing us to send a member as the deadline for registration has passed. I am quite annoyed at this. Have spoken to CFS about the fact that these meetings are not conducive to grad members.



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Grads and professional students have a hard time spending 5 or 6 days in a row at a conference. Frustrated that we cannot properly represent the members at this meeting or others like it.

Mark Kellenberger – spoke to some CFS execs and brought up the concern about attending 5 day conferences in the middle of the week.

Eric Rapos – easier to defeat the motion than withdraw (in terms of council procedure).

Jared Houston – can someone attend online or in some other fashion?

Mark Asfar – proxies are strange at CFS. My understanding is that there is no way to follow the meeting remotely. More informed stance would be for us to miss this meeting. I will broadly be speaking to CFS about making the meetings and conferences more accessible to our members. Perhaps we can work with them to do things to alleviate the numbers of days required.

Motion DOES NOT carry.



Main Motions

A. Auditor

MOTION 11/10/15:6

Moved: Christina Huber (vpfs@SGPS.ca)

Seconded: Chris Cochrane (president@SGPS.ca)

Whereas the SGPS is required to be audited every year according to the SGPS's bylaws and policy; and

Whereas the SGPS is delinquent in completing its 2013-2014 audit and now the 2014-2015 audit; and

Whereas the SGPS currently has no auditor of record;

BIRT SGPS Council approve the recommendation of the Finance and Services Committee to hire KPMG for \$8000/audit to complete the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 audits and all audits going forward.



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Christina Huber – since September we have been without an auditor. I have been meeting with different auditors and have been discussing the different options with the finance and services committee. KPMG audits Queen’s and the AMS so this would be of benefit to the SGPS as KPMG is already familiar with queen’s and student union finances. Expect that both audits would be done in very early 2016.

George Chalhoub – regarding ethics – KPMG was involved in one of the biggest Canadian tax scandals. Why is KPMG better than the other audit firms?

Christina Huber – KPMG is in Kingston (only one of the big 4 that is in Kingston). We believe there are synergies that will help our audit process. The \$8000 is a max and that max is guaranteed from KPMG.

Mark Asfar – underscore the benefit of working with groups that understand student unions. SGPS can be very strange to those groups who are not familiar with student unions. Our operations can be a great challenge to understand from a group not familiar with the complexities. Nice to have a group that understands and also a group that is local so meetings are much more trivial.

Eric Fedosejevs – were any of the other quotes lower?

Christina Huber – yes but not by much – maybe \$500. This quote is a guarantee where the other ones did not provide a guarantee.

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Other Business

A. Executive Year Plans [See Appendices] – Discussion and Question Period

Jared Houston – not clear what the goal is with respect to student advisor restructuring.

Mark Kellenberger – just in terms of moving things from what is not in bylaw and policy. None of the program is outlined in bylaw and policy. Solidifying the program in bylaw and policy.



Notices of Motion & Announcements

A. Notices of Motion

- a. No Notices of Motion Received

B. Announcements

- a. The SGPS Fall General Meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 5:30pm** in Wallace Hall in the JDUC. Motions and Reports are due to the Speaker **no later than 4pm on Saturday, November 14, 2015.**
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 5:30pm** in the McLaughlin Room. Motions and Reports are due to the Speaker **no later than 4pm on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.**



Adjournment

A. Adjournment

Motion 11/10/15:7

Moved: Chris Cochrane (president@SGPS.ca)

Seconded: Mark Asfar (vpp@SGPS.ca)

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

Motion carried – Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm



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Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm EST.

SGPS Council Attendance - November 10, 2015			
#	Position/Department	Name	Signature
SGPS Non-Voting Members			
n1	Executive Director	Sean Richards	Present
n2	Executive Assistant	Andria Burke	Absent
n3	Social Commissioner	Ciara Bracken-Roche	Absent
n4	Equity & Diversity Commissioner	Erica Baker	Absent
n5	International Students Affairs Commissioner	Jhordan Layne	Absent
n6	Athletics Coordinator	Prashant Agrawal	Absent
n7	Planning Coordinator	Jamie Summers	Absent
n8	Logistics Coordinator	Margaux MacDonald	Absent
n9	Equity & Diversity Coordinator	Mathieu Crupi	Absent
n10	International Students Affairs Coordinator	Ahmed Abdel Razek	Absent
n11	Sustainability Coordinator	Megan MacCallum	Absent
n12	Speaker	Eric Rapos	Present
n13	Deputy Speaker	Alan Awez Mohammad	Regrets
n14	Chief Returning Officer	Travis Skippon	Present
n15	University Rector	Mike Young	Absent



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SGPS Voting Members			
1	President	Chris Cochrane	Present
2	Vice President Graduate	Mark Kellenberger	Present
3	Vice President Professional	Mark Asfar	Present
4	Vice President Finance and Services	Christina Huber	Present
5	Vice President Campaigns and Community Affairs	Lorne Beswick	Present
6	Graduate Student Trustee	James MacLeod	Regrets
7	Graduate Student Senator	Eric Rapos	Present
8	Law Senator	Ian Moore	Absent
9	Rehab Senator	Cate Preston	Absent

Non-Departmental Voting Members			
10	Aboriginal Student Representative	Natasha Stirrett	Absent
11	International Student Representative	Bo Liu	Absent
12	Mature Student Representative		
13	Part-Time Student Representative		



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Faculty of Arts & Science Departmental Voting Members			
14	Art Conservation	Christina McLean	Present
15	Art History	Rachael Hencher	Present
16	Biology	Eric Fedosejevs	Present
17	Chemistry	Nakkiran Arulmozhi	Absent
18	Chemistry		
19	Classics	Fallon Bowman	Regrets
20	Computing	Ben Cecchetto	Present
21	Computing	Laith Juwaidah	Present
22	Cultural Studies	Rami Bahgat	Absent
23	Economics		
24	English Language & Literature	Tatevik Vika Nersisyan	Absent
25	Environmental Studies		
26	French Studies	Kyle Stepa	Absent
27	Gender Studies	Zoya Islam	Absent
28	Geography	Nemoy Lewis	Absent
29	Geological Sciences & Geological Engineering	Marina Joury	Present
30	German Language & Literature		



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31	Global Development Studies	Hayley Morgan	Absent
32	History	Anastasiya Boika	Regrets
33	Industrial Relations	Brittany Bates	Present
34	Kinesiology and Health Studies (Arts)	Emma Thompson	Present
35	Kinesiology and Health Studies (Science)	Robert Bently	Present
36	Mathematics and Statistics		
37	Philosophy	Jared Houston	Present
38	Physics, Engineering Physics & Astronomy	Faleh Altal	Absent
39	Political Studies	Korey Pasch	Present
40	Psychology	Sara Furlano	Present
41	Religion	Robert Lawson	Absent
42	Sociology	Dominic Kucharski	Present
43	Urban and Regional Planning	Julia Sjaarda	Present

Faculty of Health Sciences Departmental Voting Members			
44	Nursing		
45	Rehab Sciences (Professional)	Kim Mikalson	Regrets
46	Rehab Sciences (Research)	Kristin Ostler	Absent



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47	Rehab Therapy		
48	Anatomy and Cell Biology	Marvin Ferrer	Absent
49	Biochemistry		
50	Physiology		
51	Microbiology and Immunology		
52	Pharmacology and Toxicology	Yohan D'Souza	Absent
53	Pathology and Molecular Medicine		
54	Public Health	Jessica Baumhour	Present

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science Departmental Voting Members			
55	Biomedical Engineering	Fiona Serack	Present
56	Chemical Engineering	D'Arcy Turner	Present
57	Civil Engineering	Kenneth Mak	Present
58	Civil Engineering		
59	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Hao Li	Absent
60	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Wei Kong	Present
61	Mechanical and Materials Engineering		
62	Mechanical and Materials Engineering		
63	Mining Engineering	Alexander Cushing	Present



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School of Business Departmental Voting Members			
64	Graduate Students (MSc/PhD)	Jonathan Samosh	Present
65	Policy Studies	James Barsby	Present
66	Masters of International Business (MIB)	George Chalhoub	Present

Faculty of Education Departmental Voting Members			
67	Graduate Education (MEd)	Michael Chee	Absent
68	Graduate Education (PhD)	Stefan Merchant	Absent
69	ESS President	Mike Mollenhauer	Absent
70	ESS VP External	Brittney Pakkala	Present
71	ESS Representative	Alyssa Broadbell	Absent
72	ESS Representative	Kate Carr	Present

Faculty of Law Departmental Voting Members			
73	Graduate Law	Maseeh Haseeb	Absent
74	LSS President	Megan Berlin	Regrets
75	LSS Representative	Cecilia Yang	Absent
76	LSS Representative	Carly Watt	Present
77	LSS Representative	Rebecca Torrance	Present