



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, October 12th 2010, 5:30pm
Robert Sutherland Hall, JDUC

1. Presentations

School of Graduate Studies – Dean Brenda Brouwer

Brenda Brouwer – Addresses the council. “We are always looking for insight comments and feedback from graduate students in the upcoming changes in policy. Manage enrolment – we are trying to expand and increase enrolment at Queen’s and the school seems to be on track if not above current expectations. Working to increase international enrolment at Queen’s. There are different issues in expanding international population in graduate studies compared to undergraduate international students. We are working to increase international agreements with various international governments such as Saudi Arabia, and China. Working to provide graduate professional development programs such as the Expanding Horizons Program offered through career services”.

Michael Bravo and Sean Richards – Introduces Council Members

Mary Ann (Last Name) – Tafa Presentation - PSAC Local 901 is the new name for Tafa. We must be invited into graduate associations in order to make presentations. If you would like to see them in your department email us psac901@gmail.com. Psac901.org is our domain where the most up to date information can be found. We now have a bargaining certificate which is why Tafa has dissolved. A bargaining team was elected and should be posting a list of bargaining demands by November. There are 1000 membership cards signed. We do want to continue outreach into every department and if you feel under-represented please invite us to come and we will come to your associations meeting. We now have bylaws. We are bargaining – we are working with Kim Beamer. We have met throughout the summer to determine what will work and what will not. Undergraduate TAs expressed concerns – somebody is TAing that

they are not qualified for – this is not a concern as there is specific requirements that must be met in order for the individual to TA for the course. There are a variety of committees that graduate students can participate in. Union dues – nobody pays dues until the collective agreement is ratified. Bargaining can take up to a year. There should be no dues coming off your pay now. The physical card that demonstrates your ID number and we are not sure when this card will be available. We bargain first for non-monetary items and then we bargain for monetary items.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION 10/12/10:1

Moved Anne-Marie Grondin / Jess Hickey
BIRT the agenda for October 12th, 2010 be adopted.

MOTION 10/12/10:1-M1

Moved Anne-Marie Grondin / Jillian Burford-Grinnell
BIRT Council add to the section other business, a presentation by the Canadian federation of students.

Carried

MOTION 10/12/10:1-M2

Moved Daniel Moore / Jillian Burford-Grinnell BIRT
the Council changes the agenda to have the name for the current graduate senator to read Iian Reeve.

Carried

MOTION 10/12/10:1-M3

Moved Jillian Burford-Grinnell / Jess Hickey BIRT
the Council changes the agenda to read that a report is attached for Kalanthe Khaiat in the agenda.

Carried

MOTION 10/12/10:1 – AGENDA AS AMENDED

maps soon. Issues with bringing food on the bus – some bus drivers are closing the door on people eating. We are trying to re-work the policy so that students will be allowed to bring groceries on board. We are not renewing our contract with Access Copyright due to fee issues (45\$ per head to use this license). This will have repercussions – Access Copyright will increase surveillance on grads who TA and having teaching fellows in regards to fair dealing. We need to make grads aware of what they are allowed to put on their powerpoints and have on their hand outs. We are going to create a variety of tools in order to assist grads with this change. Part A of the license is what is going to expire and this includes inter-library loan copies, class-room handouts, etc. – course packs will be covered under the university.

e) VP Finance and Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
If anyone has ideas on services that they would like to see that the SGPS can provide to its members please do let us know.

f) Speaker – Michael Bravo (no report)
CIHR – some members in our faculty that their CIHR funding is coming on a monthly basis instead of a lump sum. This should not be happening. You should be getting it one lump sum as you were told that you get. Please talk to people in your department regarding this issue and then discuss this with Daniel Moore or myself.

Daniel Moore – January is the new deadline for this scholarship.

MOTION 10/12/10:3

Moved ___Joe Steele_____ / ___Marvin Ferrer_____

BIRT Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

Carried

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

a) Graduate Student Senator – Iain Reeve (no report)

b) Board of Trustees – Benjamin Grant (report attached)

If anyone has any environmental health and safety concerns please ask me – I am on this committee. These questions can be for any location on campus that you have issues with.

c) Committee Reports

d) Commissioner Reports

i) Social Commissioner – Abdullah Abunafeesa (report attached)

Fort Fright – transportation will be taken care of. We are trying to utilize the social room upstairs with a movie night. We are looking for a volunteer to ask students what they are interested in.

- ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii) Equity Commissioner: Carolyn Prouse (report attached)

The equity teams met on Thursday with the social commissioner, rector – shared equity related agendas for the year. A coalition will be formed between all these groups to keep all members up to date on what is going on.

- e) Other Reports
 - i) Committee Coordinator – Pam ?(report attached)
 - ii) Equity Coordinator – Kalanthe Khaiat (report attached)

Persons Day Event- if you have any input for this event please pass this along to me. Online version of the equity calendar is on the SGPS website.

 - iii) International Students’ Coordinators - Amir Nosrat and Becky Pero (report attached)
 - iv) Sustainability Coordinator – Ivana Zelenika (report attached)

There is potential for Queen’s to take advantage of this solar opportunity (study). We have been pressuring the administration to get this moving and ensure transparency throughout the process. We are now at the RFP stage and have a variety of solar companies submitting proposals. The program would provide Queen’s 60-70 cents for every Kw generated via solar power. This could be between 5-10 million per year – large return on investment for Queen’s. Would be good for council members to spread the word and visit queensolar.org for more information. We want the Queen’s community to know about this initiative.

 - v) Education Students’ Coordinator (no report)
 - vi) Rector – Nick Day (report attached)

The Queen’s centre is stalled. The AMS is frustrated as they are 25 million donors and the SGPS is not a donor and we are still getting the same access to all facilities – no repercussions for us(?)...The academic plan has gone to senate. Students now have direct access and voting power. We are now more involved in this process (SCAT). If you have a pressing concern now is a good time to make this issue heard.

 - vii) Chief Returning Officer – Mikhail Kellawan (no report)
 - viii) Departmental Reports

MOTION

10/12/10:4

Moved ___Jillian Burford-Grinnell _____ / ___Shaughnessy
 Hawkins_____ BIRT Senator/Board of Trustees/Commissioner/
 Coordinator / Committee, and Other reports be accepted.

Carried

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

MOTION 10/12/10:5

Moved __Shaughnessy Hawkins_____/__Megan Bylsma_____ BIRT Council reviews tabled motion 09/14/10:7 from the September Council Meeting.

Not Carried

7. Main Motions

MOTION 10/12/10:6

Moved_Shaughnessy Hawkins_____/__Jillian Burford-Grinnell_____ BIRT that the following amendments be made to P.6.1 of the SGPS Policies.

P.6.1.o. SGPS Standing Committees will be the:

- (1) Finance and Services Standing Committee;
- (2) Campaigns and Community Affairs Standing Committee;
- (3) Education Standing Committee;
- (4) Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee;
- (5) Equity Issues Standing Committee;
- (6) Graduate Student Standing Committee;
- (7) Professional Students Standing Committee;
- (8) SGPS Special Awards Standing Committee;
- (9) Social Events Standing Committee;
- (10) SGPS Appointing Standing Committee;
- (11) International Students Standing Committee;
- (12) Judicial Committee;
- (13) Strategic Planning Standing Committee; and
- (14) Human Resources Standing Committee.

BIFRT that the following policy be added to P.6.2. of the SGPS Policies.

P.6.2.13 Human Resources Standing Committee

- a. The Human Resources Standing Committee shall be responsible for:
 1. assessment of the human resources structures and policies in place at the SGPS;
 2. developing and reviewing human resource policies, best practices and structures, and their implementation;

3. creating consultative documents for the human resources team at the SGPS (that is, the VP Professional and the Executive Director);
 4. reviewing the SGPS' legal obligations and rights under employment-related statutes; and
 5. performing an advisory role to such issues as are brought to their attention by one or both of the VP Professional or Executive Director.
- b. The Committee shall be comprised of the following voting members:
 1. the VP Professional;
 2. One of either the Equity Commissioner or the Equity Coordinator; and
 3. 4-8 students-at-large who must be members of the SGPS, approved by the Committee Chair.
 - c. The Executive Director shall be a non-voting member of the Committee.
 - d. The VP Professional shall be the Committee Chair.
 - e. Any documents, policies or other suggestions created by the Human Resources Standing Committee shall be approved or adopted by Council prior to implementation.

MOTION 10/12/10:6-M1

Moved_Shaughnessy Hawkins_____/___Jillian Burford-Grinnell_____ BIRT that the Academic Affairs Standing Committee will be added as the number 15 of the SGPS Policies.

Carried

MOTION 10/12/10:6-M2

Moved_Ivana Zelenika ____/___Shaughnessy Hawkins_____ BIRT that the SGPS Sustainability Standing Committee will be added as number 16 of the SGPS Policies.

Carried

MOTION 10/12/10:6- MOTION AS AMENDED

Carried

MOTION 10/12/10:7

Moved_Ivana Zelenika _____/___Anne-Marie Grondin_____ BIRT the following changes be made to the SGPS' Policies:

P.2.1.6

c.) The Sustainability Coordinator shall represent the SGPS on the Sustainable Advisory Committed (or equivalent) and liaise with the AMS Sustainability Commissioner and represent the SGPS on the Queen' Community

Garden Committee.

Carried

MOTION 10/12/10:8

Moved __Logan Crowell_____/ __Benjamin Grant____ BIRT
the following policy be added to the SGPS' Policies:

P.3.2.5 Right of Proxy at Regular Council Meetings

a. Should an SGPS Council member be unable to attend a regular council meeting, they may proxy their vote to another regular SGPS member or SGPS Council member who may attend the meeting and vote in their place. Use of the right of proxy is limited as follows:

- (1) The right may be used no more than two (2) times total during the fall and winter terms combined (September to April SGPS Council meetings inclusive) by an individual SGPS Council member
- (2) Members of the Faculty of Education may use their right of proxy, in addition to their two (2) normal uses, during those months when their presence is made impossible due to on-location practicums, without limit
- (3) The right may be used during the summer term (May and August council meetings inclusive) without limit
- (4) Notification of the usage of the right of proxy must be given to the SGPS Council Speaker at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in question along with verifiable contact information for both the member exercising the right and the member receiving the proxy vote

b. Receipt of a proxy vote is limited as follows:

- (1) No regular SGPS or SGPS Council member may receive more than one (1) proxy vote for use at any individual SGPS Council meeting
- (2) The holder of a proxy vote may use that vote as they see fit, separately from any normal votes they may already hold as an SGPS Council member

Logan – In response to council at the last meeting. We wanted a full-year proxy vote rather than summer. The time limits as set in place to encourage people to come to council during the year. Education students are limited as they have practicums. We set the 24 hours in place to give the speaker enough time in order to check in with people proxying their vote. How do you vote – you can use both votes separately – you can vote for yours, but you will vote according to the person you are proxying for.

MOTION 10/12/10:8-M1

Moved __Jillian Burford-Grinnell_____/ __Anne-Marie Grondin_____
BIRT that under section a) "another regular SGPS member" be stricken.
Carried

MOTION 10/12/10:8-M2

Moved __Anne-Marie Grondin_____/ __Jillian Burford-Grinnell_____
BIRT that under section 3.2.5.A.4, 24 hours is changed to 72 hours.

Anne-Marie Grondin: This is short notice for the speaker. In the event that the meeting needs to be cancelled this is not enough time for people who are coordinating to ensure that they will be there.

Nora – Time should be shorter if people are sick.

Marvin – Point of information – last month didn't we decide that quorum is bodies and not proxies.

MOTION 10/12/10:8-M2-1

Moved __Jonathan Foster_____/ __Eric Rapos_____
BIRT that notification to proxy one's vote should be given to the speaker 72 hours in advance. If not given in adequate time it is to the Speaker's discretion as to whether the vote can be proxied.

Michael Bravo – Please raise your hand if you wish to accept this amendment. (Michael counts hands). Please raise your hand if you do not wish to accept this amendment (Michael counts hands).

In favor – 13
Not in favor - 12

Carried

Motion 10/12/10: +30 min

Moved __Sarah Waurechen_____/ __Anne-Marie Grondin_____
BIRT that the SGPS meeting be extended for one half hour.

Carried

Motion 10/12/10:8-M3

Moved __Ian Gilchrist_____/ __Jonathan Foster_____
BIRT that the right of use for proxy voting is only for members with a degree requirement

practicum.

Carried

Motion 10/12/10:8 – MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

Carried

8. Other Business

Committee Selection

Michael has a list of committees – look at the list of committees in the appendix for this meeting. I will ask that you sign up for a committee. Please go and sign up for a committee or we will have to put you on a committee. You have a minimum of one committee – use the list in the appendix and not the motions. Email Mike or Sean about questions regarding committee. There is more information about committees on the website.

Canadian Federation of Students – Ask for the presentation and put on the website.

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, November 2nd, 2010 at 4 pm.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9th, 2010.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

10/12/10:9

Moved __Daniel Moore_____ / _Jonathan Foster_____ BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

September Meeting Minutes

Attendance September Meeting

October Reports