



**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 October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 5:30PM

**McLaughlin Room, JDUC**

## **1. Presentations**

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Kate Johnson: Introduction - University inter-faith chaplain

- Definition of Chaplain: A chaplain is a person who provides religious and spiritual care to an institution. They are not dedicated to one religion and usually are employed by university. If people are having any religious issues in terms of scheduling and conflicts, Kate will be the first resource person to go to.
- Kate will soon be licensed to perform marriages.
- Kate is available for counseling if there is a faith based problem you are dealing with. She has no limit on how often she can see people.
- Chaplain's office does have a small bursary fund, and if people are in financial difficulty, the award is available to them; however, it is a small fund (hundreds of dollars in value). Office is in the JDUC.

Iain: Council working group: Towards next month fall general meeting, we want to change procedures to make meetings more discussion based, to get more feedback from everybody.

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

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**MOTION**

**10/08/13:1**

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

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

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

*Motion Carried*

**MOTION**

**10/08/13:2**

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

BIRT the minutes for the September 10<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)
- Enrolment planning. Town hall meetings about enrolment plan. If any department has information regarding enrolment numbers and how it would affect them, they should talk to Iain Reeve eg. Cost issues, faculty issues, etc.
- The university is hiring 3 embedded councillors who are going to be embedded in faculty to address needs of the departments, eg on mental health issues. These positions are going to be filled by the end of the month.
- SGPS is hiring a communications director, to inject new ideas towards improving member outreach.
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – David Francis (report attached)  
Jillian Burford-Grinnell for David Francis: LSS, law school is looking to increase class size by 30+ people. Of 37 votes, 35 were against the expansion. Some students are not getting positions after they graduate.
- 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)

Question:

Patricia Oprea: For embedded councillors, can they see people long term?

Iain Reeve: This is not worked out yet. We will wait to see how many people they can see. I will extend an invitation for the embedded councillor to give a presentation once hiring is complete.

#### **MOTION**

**10/08/13:3**

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell ([vpfs@sgps.ca](mailto:vpfs@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)  
Time to completion- Most of the issues is program orientated. OGS- 205 awards for 2014-2015, the department will do the internal process. Out of 205, 6 will be awarded to international graduate students.
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod (report attached)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
  - i. Social Commissioner – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (report attached).
  - 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 – Margaux MacDonald (no report)
  - vii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)
  - viii. Chief Returning Officer – Laura Levick (report attached)
  - ix. Departmental Reports

#### MOTION

10/08/13:4

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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#### MOTION

10/08/13: IC

Moved: Eric Rapos

Seconded: Thomas Vaughan

BIRT SGPS Council move In-Camera

*Motion Carried*

**MOTION  
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**10/08/13:**

Moved: Eric Rapos  
Seconded: Thomas Vaughan

BIRT SGPS Council move Out-of-Camera

*Motion Carried*

A discussion was held in camera surrounding concerns brought up by representatives from Computing Science.

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

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## **7. Main Motions**

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**MOTION**

**10/08/13:5**

Moved: Sean Richards ([info@sgps.ca](mailto:info@sgps.ca))  
Seconded: Hamid Falahati ([senator@sgps.ca](mailto:senator@sgps.ca))

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**

**10/08/13:5:M-1**

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

BIRT SGPS Council strike P.4.4.d

*Motion Carried.*

**Motion****10/08/13:5:T**

Moved: Eric Rapos

Seconded: Tabitha Renaud

BIRT SGPS Council table motion 10/08/13:5 with the intention of resubmitting P.4.4 Year Plans during November Council

*Motion Carried***MOTION****10/08/13:6**Moved: Meagan Crane ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))Seconded: Iain Reeve ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Whereas, politically inconvenient Canadian research is being shut down or silenced from the top-down, such that institutions like PEARL (Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory), the ELA (Experimental Lakes Area), CFCAS (Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences), and Statistics Canada have been defunded;

Whereas, drastic and paradigm shifting cuts have been made to Library and Archives Canada resulting in vast quantities of information no longer being made accessible to the public, and the Federal Government has recently been found to muzzle scientists at governmental agencies;

Whereas, between 2007 and 2013, base funding for federal research grants that support graduate research opportunities decreased: SSHRC decreased by 10.1%; NSERC decreased by 6.4%; and, CIHR decreased by 7.5% ([www.getscienceright.ca](http://www.getscienceright.ca)); and, 100% of all new NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR funding in 2013 went to industry-linked research, which has resulted in the loss of publically-funded laboratory space dedicated to long-term environmental sustainability and the changing biophysical environment, and narrowing the breadth of graduate research opportunities and their academic freedom,

BIRT SGPS Council endorse the "Stand Up for Science" initiative which "calls upon the Government of Canada to respect the right of Canadians to access unbiased information by collecting the requisite statistics, adequately funding basic research, and freeing scientists to openly speak on all tax-supported findings apart from those subject to legitimate national security constraints." (Stand up for Science petition),

BIFRT SGPS Council will encourage members to circulate and sign the "Stand Up For Science" petition.

Discussion:

Megan: An outside member who is organizing the rally brought the petition to me.

Alison Fraser: Is this the same petition that was circulated at the rally?

Megan: Yes

*Motion carried*

**MOTION**

**10/08/13:7**

Moved: Robin Westland ([equity@sgps.ca](mailto:equity@sgps.ca))

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

Whereas, the SGPS considers student access to all equity related information and contacts from on and off campus important; and

Whereas, the SGPS has developed a document entitled 'Good to Know' that incorporates all such equity-related information; and

Whereas, P.2.2.3 dictates that the equity coordinator is meant to update an 'equity encyclopedia' as part of their mandate; and

Whereas, the 'Good to Know' document is such an encyclopedia; and

Whereas, relevance of such a document is contingent upon the information contained within being current; therefore,

BIRT P.2.2.3. Should reflect the following change to f(3): Ensuring that the equity document entitled "Good to Know", which provides resources and contact information for all organizations and committees on campus working with or for the five designated groups, be updated each year.

*Motion Carried*

**8. Other Business**

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Eric: Tri-Color Award - We need to fill a member slot on the selection committee. Throughout the Fall term, they promote the award, nominations are going to be accepted soon. In the spring term the committee will be reviewing applications. There are interviews with candidates, and awards are presented at the convocation by the rector.

**MOTION**

**10/08/13: E1**

Moved: Eric Rapos

Seconded: Nausheen Sadiq

BIRT SGPS Council appoint Jessica Evans to the Tri-Color Award selection committee.

*Motion Carried*

Judicial Committee:

We need a minimum of four committee members to sit on the Judicial Committee.

Volunteers: Nausheen Sadiq, Mariead Weir, Tyler Hughes, Eric Rapos, Maral Aiani, Jackie Leonard, Lauren Buttel, Katherine Sainsbury, Jenna Thibeaut

Iain Reeve: Discussion surrounding Strategic Enrolment Management Group White Paper (see appendix).

- 1) Would growth have a positive, negative, or neutral impact on your department?
- 2) Would significant growth in the undergraduate population would have an impact on the ability of students in your respective departments to access key services and campus infrastructure?
- 3) What are the thoughts from your department on short-term, distance, or part-time diplomas, certificates, or other credentials being housed within your department?

Iain: Library plan, campus infrastructure plan, 10-year enrollment plan. This topic will be brought back for discussion next month.

## **9. Notice of Motions & Announcements**

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- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 by 4:00 pm.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## **10. Adjournment**

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### **MOTION**

10/08/13:8

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

Seconded: Eric

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

### **Motion Carried**

10/08/13

JAM

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Attached:

September 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes

October Reports

Strategic Enrolment Management Group White Paper

Committee Vacancies

P.4.4 Year Plans (Summary of Changes)

**Council Attendance: October 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	<b>X</b>	
Alex	Ross	Biology		
Julian	Chesterman	Biomedical Engineering		
		Biostatistics		
Tony	Gkotsis	Board of Trustees Rep		
Suzanne	Rath	Business PhD		
Kyle	Petrie	Chemical Engineering		
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		
Chris	Fiorentino	Electrical and Computer Engineering		
Vika	Nersisyan	English		
Patricia	Oprea	English	<b>X</b>	



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Byomkesh	Talukder	Environmental Studies		
Mairead	Weir	ESS	<b>X</b>	
Tyler	Hughes	ESS	<b>X</b>	
Natalie	Tsui	ESS President	<b>X</b>	
Alanna	Gilmour	ESS/SGPS Liason		
Kyle	Stepa	French	<b>X</b>	
Judicael	Zounmevo	GECE President		
Monique	Harvison	Gender Studies	<b>X</b>	
Sinead	Earley	Geography	<b>X</b>	
Alexandra	Giancarlo	Geography		
Jennifer	Bentz	Geology		
		German		
Hayley	Morgan	Global Development		
Tabitha	Renaud	History	<b>X</b>	
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		
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		
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		
Joyce	Li	Psychology		
Megan	Jaquith	Public Health		
Nick	Francis	Rector		
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		

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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		
Vacant	Vacant	VP Professional		
Anne-Marie	Grondin	Executive Assistant		
Sean	Richards	Executive Director	<b>X</b>	
Cassandra	Kuyvenhoven	Social Commissioner	<b>X</b>	
Richard	Elliott	Athletics Coordinator		
Ciara	Bracken-Roche	Logistics Coordinator		
Margaux	MacDonald	Planning Coordinator	<b>X</b>	
Robin	Westland	Equity Commissioner	<b>X</b>	
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	<b>X</b>	