



**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 6:30PM

**John Orr Room, JDUC**

**1. Presentations**

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**Max:** introduces himself as the speaker of the SGPS. He holds up the sign-in sheet, and requests that members present write down their names and respective departments. He requests that members "say [their names] before speaking," and reminds everyone that the agenda "has been circulated." With this, the meeting begins.

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

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**MOTION**

**10/14/14:1**

Moved: Thompson Hamilton (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded: James MacLeod (Graduate Student Trustee)

BIRT the agenda for October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council meeting be adopted.

The motion is introduced by Max, moved by Thompson, and seconded by James. No amendments are made, and the motion carries unanimously.

**MOTION**

**10/14/14:2**

Moved: Dinah Jansen (vpg@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Julian Chesterman (Biomedical Engineering)

BIRT the minutes for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council meeting be accepted.

The motion is introduced by Max, moved by Dinah, and seconded by Julian. No amendments are made, and the motion carries unanimously.

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

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- a. President – Kevin Weiner (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Dinah Jansen (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Thompson Hamilton (report attached)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Lorne Beswick (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Patrick Gajos (report attached)
- f. Executive Assistant – Andria Mahon (report attached)
- g. Speaker – Max Ma (report attached)

#### **MOTION**

**00/09/14:3**

Moved: Thompson Hamilton (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded: James MacLeod (Board of Trustees)

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

**Max:** introduces the members who will be speaking, noting that their reports are attached. He notes that Kevin is not present and “sends his regrets” as he is attending the Canadian Federation of Students. Again, he notes that Kevin’s “report has been circulated.”

**Kevin:** sent regrets.

**Dinah:** nothing to add to her report.

**Thompson:** states that he has two things to add. He talks about how QPOP was this past weekend, and that it was sponsored by the SGPS. He will get the numbers at the next grad club meeting. The first round interviews for the International Student Affairs Commissioner occurred. Nine people were interviewed, and were “all strong candidates.”

**Lorne:** nothing to add.

**Patrick:** sent regrets.

**Andria:** not present.

**Max:** has nothing to add. Introduces the motion to be moved.

**Thompson:** moves the motion.

**James:** seconds the motion.

**Max:** asks if there are any questions or further discussion to be had regarding the motion. Seeing none, he asks council to vote on the motion.

The motion is carried unanimously.

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

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- a. Graduate Student Senator – Eric Rapos (report attached)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – James MacLeod (report attached)
- c. Committee Reports
  - i. Sustainability Committee – Megan MacCallum (report attached)
- d. Commissioner Reports
  - i. Social Commissioner – Ciara Bracken-Roche (no report)

- ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
- iii. Equity Commissioner: Tabasum Akaseer (no report)
- iv. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner: Tian Lu (no report)
- e. Other Reports
  - i. Rector – Mike Young (report attached)
  - ii. Chief Returning Officer – Peter Charboneau (no report)
  - iii. Departmental Reports

**MOTION**

**09/09/14:4**

Moved: Lorne Beswick (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Dinah Jansen (vpg@sgps.ca)

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

**Max:** notes that there are chairs in the back, and beside Ciara as well. He then introduces the motion.

**Eric:** wants to note one thing not mentioned from the joint Board and Senate meeting. He talks about how there is a desire to increase student services, despite increasing enrolment. This is a challenge, however, as “the shared budget is the same.” This is a concern for both the Senate and the Board for many reasons, one of which being that “Health Counselling and Disability Services is [becoming] strained.” On another note, the AMS has asked to remind council that this weekend is Homecoming. Union Street Festival will be held this coming Saturday from 8PM-2AM. There will be “a closed-in area behind Douglas” that will serve as a “beer licensed area [...] licensed to serve 300 people.” Students can bring both guests and alumni, and graduate and professional students are encouraged to attend, as this is not solely an undergraduate event.

**James:** echoes Eric about student services. He talks briefly about the Board’s concerns regarding funding for Health and Disability Services.

**Megan:** mentions that this is the first time she has “made it out to the meetings.” She asks if she is supposed to go through her reports.

**Max:** says no need, and asks if she has anything to add that would not be found in the attached report.

**Megan:** “No, I don’t.”

**Max:** clarifies that we “do not read reports or the meetings will be long.”

**Ciara:** introduces herself as the Social Commissioner. Talks about the past karaoke event which hosted 40-50 people. She reminds council that sports hour is 5:30-6:30 every Wednesday in the west gym. The next sports will be volleyball, basketball and badminton. This information and more can be found through the SGPS Facebook page which members are encouraged to join. Beyond this, there will be a trivia event on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Alibi, which was chosen to support local Kingston venues. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be an event in which students can go to Fort Fright. Tickets are \$15.00, and there will be a bus in front of the JDUC to take students there and back.

**Sean:** nothing to add to report.

**Tabasum:** not present.

**Kris:** nothing to add to report.

**Mike:** talks about how the Tricolour Award Nominations opened today. He talks about how this is the “highest non-athletic, non-academic award for Queen’s students.” 5-8 letters of reference will be required, in addition to “letters from primary and secondary nominators, for a maximum total of 10.” More information on this award can be found at [queensu.ca/rector/awards.html](http://queensu.ca/rector/awards.html), and nominations will be accepted until December 18<sup>th</sup>. He also mentions that he would “like to have a graduate or professional advisor” to meet weekly or biweekly with himself. At next month’s meeting, he will bring a motion forward to SGPS regarding this. Also, regarding the daycare issues, he had a meeting with the VP Provost, but administration is unwilling to comment on the issue. Kevin Wiener was also adamant with the VP Provost, but we will not receive updates until “things become pertinent.”

**Peter:** not present.

**Max:** moves that we accept the motion.

**Lorne:** moves the motion.

**Dinah:** seconds the motion.

**Max:** asks if there are further questions.

**Eric:** has a question for Mike regarding the committee choosing the Tricolour Award.

**Mike:** explains that the selection committee will accept selections until mid-December.

**Dinah:** asks Mike how often “are graduate and professional students winning these awards?”

**Mike:** responds by saying “that’s tough,” but mentions that there was at least one last year.

**Eric:** adds that there has been “at least one per year in recent history, including Iain Reeve and Jillian Buford-Grinnell, two previous SGPS Presidents. Further, there have been years where the only recipient was an SGPS Member.”

**Max:** asks if there are further questions; seeing none, he then puts the motion to a vote.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

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**Max:** asks if there are any other questions or issues. Also asks if everyone has signed in. Seeing one person in the back, right corner raise their hand, the sign-in sheet is passed around.

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

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### **MOTION**

**10/14/14:5**

Tabled from September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council meeting

BIRT the minutes for August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Council meeting be accepted. [Please see appendices]

**Max:** introduces the motion to accept the minutes from the August Council meeting.

**Dinah:** indicates that she doesn’t know how to do this procedurally.

**Max:** asks Dinah if she has any concerns regarding the motion to accept the minutes.

**Dinah:** explains that she “did not get the amended minutes in on-time,” and would like them “tabled until the next meeting.”

**James:** asks if it is possible for “minor changes to be dealt with now, so it’s over and done with.”

**Dinah:** explains that the main problems in the minutes have to do with the spelling of council members’ names, and Kevin Wiener’s address regarding the academic white paper (refer to appendices).

**Max:** asks if council would like to motion to table the minutes.

**Thompson:** moves the motion to table the minutes.

**Max:** asks if he intends to table them until the next council meeting in November.

**Thompson:** agrees that this is his intention.

**Eric:** seconds the motion.

**Max:** asks if there are any further concerns, discussions, or questions that council would like to address. Seeing none, he puts the motion to a vote.

Motion is tabled unanimously.

## 7. Main Motions

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### MOTION

10/14/14:6

Moved: Dinah Jansen (vpg@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Eric Rapos (Graduate Senator)

BIRT Council approve the first reading of amendments to SGPS By-law B.17. [Please see appendices]

**Max:** introduces the motion to accept the amendments to By-law B.17 that “are attached, and on the website.”

**Dinah:** moves the motion.

**Eric:** seconds the motion.

**Max:** gives Dinah the opportunity to speak regarding the motion.

**Dinah:** explains that the motion has to do with the selection of graduate student members of the departmentalized graduate councils. It also includes a name change under B.17.2, which is now titled “Graduate Studies Executive Council,” (GSEC) as opposed to “Executive Committee of the School of Graduate Studies”. Dinah refers the council to the appendix.

**Max:** asks if there is any further discussion to be had.

**Tristan:** asks who oversees the selection of the representatives?

**Dinah:** explains that the “hiring and selection of committee” is overseen by the VP Professional.

**Jared:** asks if “there is a second reading after the first reading?”

**Max:** explains that “a second reading will happen in the general meeting next month.” He then asks council if there are further questions or concerns. Seeing none, he explains that the vote for this motion will require a two-thirds majority for its first reading. The motion is put to vote.

The motion carries with one abstention (Paul Warchuk).

**MOTION**

**10/14/14:7**

Moved: Thompson Hamilton ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Eric Rapos (Graduate Senator)

Whereas SGPS By-law B.5.1 requires the number of representatives for each constituent body to be determined by the October Council meeting; and

Whereas the Proposed Voting Composition of Council for 2014--15 is based on the November 2013 enrollment headcounts, which constitute the most recent enrollment data available to the SGPS;

Therefore BIRT for the 2014--15 academic year, SGPS Council adopt the Proposed Voting Composition of Council as the voting composition of Council and recognize as Constituent Bodies the Faculties, Departments or Programs listed therein. [Please see appendices]

**Max:** introduces the motion, and asks that Thompson read the details outlined in the agenda to council.

**Thompson:** moves the motion, and reads it aloud (see Motion above). Explains that one "can see that in the appendices, there might be an amendment."

**Eric:** seconds the motion.

**Thompson:** explains that he is unsure if the revisions are done, as "enrolment numbers determine the number of representatives council is allowed to have." He moves to have a motion to amend this, as there is one error noted.

**Eric:** moves the amendment. He explains that the table "leaves out a MAL, which would increase the total number of voting seats to 71." He also explains that additional representatives for part time students would increase to a total of 4.

**Max:** asks for a seconder.

**James:** seconds Eric's amendment.

**Max:** explains that council will then be "voting on this amendment by Eric."

**Thompson:** clarifies that there are no new representatives being added, but rather that the amendment will work to correct a mistake.

**Max:** asks council if there are any further questions. Seeing none, the motion is put to a vote.

The amendment carries unanimously.

**Eric:** asks if "this will come into effect immediately?"

**Max:** explains that, "if nothing is providing otherwise, it will take effect immediately."

**James:** talks about how there have historically been "too many reps." He further mentions that council has tended to be "lax about who can speak and vote," and wants council to think about "how to implement this official change."

**Julian:** mentions that “there are errors in this list,” going on to give examples (German no longer exists as a department; Biomedical Sciences is simply a specialization ... etc.) He explains that this could mean the loss of votes for certain departments, and says that council needs “to figure out how to handle that.”

**Eric:** motions to refer this to a committee.

**James:** suggests the By-law and Policy Committee.

**Eric:** says that this requires representatives from the graduate school. He further says that this “is a good place to start,” but that we “need additional members.”

**Max:** asks Eric to restate his phrasing for clarity in the minutes.

**Eric:** explains that council needs to “refer this to a committee whose members are from the By-law and Policy Committee as well as any advisors deemed appropriate by the chair of the By-law Committee.”

**James:** seconds the motion.

**Eric:** says that council needs to “deal with any departments who don’t exist.” He further explains that council owes “it to the graduate school for what may be antiquated by-laws determining composition,” and that we should take note of the fact that “some council members are fairly active.”

**James:** notes that “Eric puts it succinctly.”

**Tristan:** asks what “the make up of the Policy Committee” is.

**Max:** explains that he does not have the names, and that the committee has “not sat yet.” He further explains that it is “a volunteer committee chaired by [himself].”

**Eric:** Point of Personal Privilege: says he will be leaving as he needs to hand other work into the AMS; but “hopes they [council] vote in favour” of this motion.

**Max:** asks if there are additional questions. Seeing none, voting commences to refer the motion to a committee whose members are from the By-law and Policy Committee as well as any advisors deemed appropriate by the chair of the By-law Committee.

Motion is referred unanimously.

## **MOTION**

**10/14/14:8**

Moved: Thompson Hamilton (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Julian (Biomedical Engineering)

BIRT the meeting times listed on the 2014--2015 Council & General Meeting Schedule be changed from 6:30PM to 5:30PM.

**Max:** introduces the motion.

**Thompson:** reads the motion.

**Julian:** seconds the motion.

**Thompson:** explains that over the summer, there seemed to be a general preference for an earlier council meeting time. He notes that it was “historically at 6:30 because of conflicts with

education students,” but also says that an earlier meeting time would leave the “evening more free.”

**Max:** asks if there are any discussions to be had surrounding the meeting time.

**Laith:** asks if the meeting time can “be even earlier.”

**Council (multiple members):** no.

**Thompson:** notes that some “peoples’ classes go to 5:30.”

**Kirk:** says he has class with Kevin Wiener until 5:30.

**Max:** asks if there are any further concerns or questions. As there are none, he proceeds to have council vote on moving the meetings “an hour ahead.”

**Lorne:** asks if this motion would also “change the end time.”

**James:** confirms that the end times for council meetings would also be changed.

**Max:** clarifies that council is “not voting to extend the meeting time.”

The motion carries with two abstentions (Paul Warchuk).

## **8. Other Business**

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No further minutes to record.

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

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**Thompson:** reminds council that there will be a Kingston Frontenacs hockey game on Friday. It is Queen’s only, and will be held from 7-9 PM. Council is asked to pass along this information to their respective departments.

**Kirk:** asks how much tickets are.

**Thompson:** says that they are ten dollars, and that he will send Max a link of where to buy them to distribute to council.

**Max:** asks council members if they would like the link. There is some agreement.

**Dinah:** notes that the new academic representatives have been elected. For the record, they are as follows: Jared Houston (PhD), Philosophy; Fallon Bowman (MA), Classics; Dave Northeast (PhD), Physics; Danielle Porplycia (MSc), Biology; Piriya Yoganathan (PhD); Pathology and Molecular Medicine; and Kristin Ostler (Masters); Rehabilitation Sciences.

**Max:** asks if there are any more announcements.

**Martin:** notes that the “lunch room has no green bin,” and has discovered that the “graduate students, professors and departments have to take some initiative” to change this. In order to have a green bin, an email has to be sent to the Sustainability Office, whose contact information can be found on both the Sustainability website, as well as under Physical Plant Services. This initiative falls under the organics program, and once a green bin is in place, will be taken out once a week.

**Max:** asks council members if they do not have nameplates, and he will have them made up.



## 10. Adjournment

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### MOTION

10/14/14:9

Moved: Sean Patterson (Geography)

Seconded: Peter Gilbert (Chemical Engineering)

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

**Max:** introduces the motion.

**Sean:** moves the motion.

**Peter:** seconds the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Max Z. Ma, Speaker

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MacKenzie Bulkowski-Rose, Minute Taker

### October Meeting Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Lorne Beswick	VPCCA/History	Present
Megan MacCallum	Geography	Present
Martin Schueder	Civil Engineering	Present
Emily Cloutier	Art Conservation	Present
Ciara Bracken-Roche	Social Commissioner	Present
Tristan DiFrancesco	Industrial Relations	Present
Sarah Budd	Art History	Present
Fallon Bowman	Classics	Present
Sean Patterson	Geography	Present
Mike Young	Rector	Present
Eric Rapos	Senator	Present
Jared Houston	Philosophy	Present
Nash Amoah	Mining Engineering	Present
Alexander Cushing	Mining Engineering	Present
Robert Powell	English	Present
Ian Maness	Communications Coordinator	Present
Adam Drysdale	English	Present
Kris Singh	International Student Affairs	Present
Paul Warchuk	Law	Present
Julian Chesterman	Biomedical Engineering	Present
Peter Gilbert	Chemical Engineering	Present
Chukwuka Achu	Law	Present
Oscar Kuffour	Geography	Present
Jenn Wigglesworth	Kinesiology and Health Studies	Present
Robert Bentley	Kinesiology and Health Studies	Present
Piriya Yoganathan	Pathology	Present
Jackie Leonard	Pathology	Present
Danielle Porplycia	Biology	Present
David Northeast	Physics	Present
Kristin Ostler	Rehab Sciences	Present
Courtney Holden	Biology	Present
James MacLeod	Board of Trustees	Present
Benjamin Cecchetto	Computing Sciences	Present
Laith Juwaidah	Computing Sciences	Present
Nakkiran Arulmozhi	Chemistry	Present
Michael Grossman	Psychology	Present
Zoya Islam	Gender Studies	Present
Thompson Hamilton	VPP	Present
Dinah Jansen	VP Grad	Present

Kirk Maijala	Law	Present
Mark Ramsay	Sociology	Present
Erin Beange	Rehab Sciences	Present
Michael Carter	Geography	Present
Chris Cochrane	Mechanical Engineering	Present
Yongfei Wu	Education	Present
Sean Richards	Executive Director	Present
Tabitha Renaud	History	Proxy
Kevin Weiner	President	Regrets
Jessica Rich	Education - Graduate	Regrets
Patrick Gajos	VPFS	Regrets
Sean Coughlin	Law	Regrets
All Other Council Members	All Other Council Members	Absent