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Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council

Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students

Tuesday, September 11th, 2012, 5:30pm

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

Presentation 1: Principal Woolf, Arig Girgrah – Strategic Discussion and Student Affairs

Question: How will Queen's maintain the quality of education given the budget realities without compromising the quality we all cherish?

Floor opened to discussion:

Terry: Regarding the issue of technology, I worry that if we go into online teaching, [saving money] is the wrong reason.

Principal Woolf: I entirely agree that going online to save money is the wrong reason. There should be 2 reasons for doing so: blending technology in to our learning...and the other reason...is to be the pioneer of distance education. But there are costs associated with it, the platform, the training.

Matt Schultz: The credit transfer didn't turn out well in Europe.... What about the intellectual property issue that the professors put in?

Principal Woolf: We do have transfer credits. What I like about credit transfer is that the students are much more mobile, and for years there have been complaints from students and parents... We are having some discussion with other research-intensive university on first year courses...not standardizing, but we can agree on the content that needs to be included.

Matt Scribner: The MTCU paper talks more about the undergraduate experience and a little about the graduate experience, but not much about the professional students.

Principal Woolf: We are unique for our size in that we have a few professional schools, so I see that the SMA that it's an opportunity to remind the government that it is important.

Matt Schultz: What's the cutoff point for submitting our comments?

Principal Woolf: If we could have comments by the 20th, that would be great.

Presentation 2: Ann Tierney, Vice-Provost & Dean of Student Affairs – Goals of the DSA, queensu.ca/studentaffairs

Floor opened to discussion:

Holly: I was just wondering about the reasons behind the changes in management for the QUIC.

Ann Tierney: The leadership of QUIC has not changed. The primary focus was that the services for the international students be consistent throughout the departments...the IPO has moved out of Arts and Science and to Student Affairs to make it more institutionalized.

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION

09/11/12:1

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT the agenda for the September 11th, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted.

Motion carries.

MOTION

09/11/12:2

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

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpjg@sgps.ca)

BIRT the minutes for August 14th, 2012 Council Meeting be accepted.

Motion carries.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Matthew Scribner (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Annie Clifford (report attached)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Matthew Shultz (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

09/11/12:3

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

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

Motion carries.

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

- a. Graduate Student Senator – Terry Bridges (no report)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – Tony Gkotsis (no report)
- 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: Holly McIndoe (report attached)
- e. Other Reports
 - i. Equity Coordinator – Vacant (no report)
 - ii. International Students’ Affairs Coordinator: Kris Singh (report attached)
 - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Jack Wallace (no report)
 - iv. Athletics Coordinator – Chris Harris (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 – Eric Rapos (report attached)
 - ix. Departmental Reports

MOTION

09/11/12:4

Moved: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

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

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

Motion carries.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

Nick Francis: I have a question about TAs in specific departments. I come from Political Studies, and I see fewer and fewer TAs. My question for everyone here is that are you experiencing issues in hiring TAs?

Eric: The number of students required in classes to get a TA has gone up due to budget cuts [in Computing]. There no such thing as a guaranteed TA anymore.

Julian: Our department [Biomedical/Chemical Engineering] is almost reversed. It used to be 60 students to get a TA, now it’s 40 students.

Alyssa: The Chemistry department limits one TA-ship per student, and TAs were outsourced from other departments.

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

7. Main Motions

MOTION

09/11/12:5

Moved: Eric Rapos (cro@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas SGPS Elections currently take place during a time which coincides with Queen's University Reading Week, and this leads to a large portion of the campaign period being lost; and,

Whereas the effective start date for our Executive is April 1st, which is out of sync with many other University bodies; and,

Whereas the SGPS currently excludes a large number of its membership from filling commissioner and coordinator positions in the spring;

BIRT SGPS Council approve the first reading of the bylaw changes, and approve the policy changes (subject to second approval of bylaws) as seen in Appendix 1, which address these concerns; and,

BIFRT the current SGPS Executive members' terms be extended to end on April 30, 2013 to allow for a smooth transition for the new Executive; and,

BIFRT the current Commissioners and Coordinators will be offered an extension of their current terms, to end on October 31, 2013, and in the event they decline, hiring will be done for interim replacements for the Term of May 1, 2013 – October 31, 2013.

Julian: For those with the extended term,

Eric: Someone's getting paid no matter what.

Ciara: I just started my PhD and getting involved wasn't an issue for me.

Melissa: My concern is that it might be awkward in terms of housing.

Ryan: What would you do with those empty months?

Eric: ...can convene up to 6 months after graduation.

Jillian: April 1st starts around the exam period, and my concern is that position might not get filled.

Eric: I actually see it as a bonus that it starts after the exam period.

Jillian: But they're gone by then. For Law students anyway.

Speaker: I can tell there are a lot of concerns. We can table the motion or we can discuss the amendments now.

Jillian: Can we refer to discuss that with our committees?

Speaker: Yes

MOTION

09/11/12: RC

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

Seconded: Aarondeep Bains

BIRT SGPS Council refer Motion 09/11/12:5 to the Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee and the Professional Students Standing Committee

BIFRT the Chairs of these committees report back at the October Council meeting

Motion carries.

MOTION

09/11/12:6

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Whereas, in accordance with SGPS Policy P.5.2.2.f, "Any two voting members of Council may place items on the agenda of a Council Meeting" and "Two voting members of Council may also add items that are strictly matters of a housekeeping nature to the agenda of a Council Meeting";

Whereas, this is out of keeping with the practices of comparable bodies, such as Queen's University Senate or the plenary meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students, which require a seconder to consider motions but which only require a mover to place motions on the agenda;

Whereas, the 2011-2012 SGPS Executive, in their report for the March 2012 General Meeting, recommend that the SGPS "Consider changing policy so two voting member are not need[ed] to add an item to the agenda. It would be better to give councillors an opportunity to second motions so they can get accustomed to active participation";

BIRT Policy P.5.2.2(f) be replaced in its entirety with:

"f. Any voting member of Council may place items on the agenda of a Council Meeting by giving written notice to the Speaker at least seven days in advance of the meeting. A voting member of Council may also add items that are strictly matters of a housekeeping nature to the agenda of a Council Meeting without notice by

presenting them to the Speaker before the meeting begins.";

BIFRT a new Policy P.5.2.2(g) be created as follows:

"g. Any motion on the agenda of a Council Meeting must be seconded by an additional voting member of Council."

BIFRT the lettering of the rest of P.5.2.2 be adjusted to reflect this addition.

Eric: By the terminology, I think we're confusing "motioning" and "seconding"...

Matt Scribner: Just to clarify the purpose of the motion. For the Speaker to add a motion to the agenda, you usually need 2 people. This is just to remove that.

MOTION

09/11/12: RC

Moved: Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Alyssa Kirlin

BIRT SGPS Council refer Motion 09/11/12:6 to the Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee

BIFRT the Chair of the Committee report back at the November Council meeting

Motion carries.

MOTION

09/11/12:7

Moved: Eric Rapos (cro@sgps.ca)

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

Whereas SGPS Bylaw B.13.2(a) states that Appointees of Council must be ratified by the SGPS Council,

BIRT SGPS Council ratify the Equity Coordinator Ian Fanning for the 2012-2013 year.

Motion carries.

MOTION (First Reading)

09/11/12:8

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

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas the position of Executive Assistant is integral to the working of the SGPS,

Whereas the Executive Assistant may serve as the institutional memory of the SGPS, and may aid Council in decision making,

BIRT SGPS Council modify B.5.1 to create (p.) which shall read:

“The Executive Assistant, who shall not vote.”

MOTION

09/11/12:8 M-1

Moved: Eric Rapos (cro@sgps.ca)

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

BIRT SGPS Council give temporary speaking rights to the Executive Assistant until a second reading of motion 09/22/12:8 occurs at the SGPS General Meeting.

Motion to amend carries.

MOTION (First Reading)

09/11/12:8

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

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Motion carries as amended.

MOTION

09/11/12:9

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

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

Whereas the University is conducting a review of its alcohol policy (2005),

Whereas the Off-Campus Events policy stipulates that students groups must follow the approval process outlined in the Appendices,

Whereas the SGPS has an existing in-house approval process,

Whereas the Off-Campus Events policy Appendix H for the SGPS remains under development,

BIRT SGPS Council strike a committee to develop this document, taking into account current, and best practices,

BIFRT that the membership of this committee consist of:

<insert names here>

MOTION

09/11/12:9 M-1

Moved: Matt Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Cassandra Kuyvenhoven

BIRT SGPS Council change <insert names here> to:

James MacLeod (Chair)
Jillian Burford-Grinnell
Sean Richards
Cassandra Kuyvenhoven
Ciara Braken-Roche
Chris Harris
Ryan Dhillon
Matt Schultz

Motion to amend carries.

MOTION

09/11/12:9

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Motion carries as amended.

MOTION (Second Reading)

09/11/12:10

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)
Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Whereas the SGPS Bylaws state that the SGPS Budget must be approved by Council

BIRT SGPS Council approve the 2012-2013 budget as seen in the Appendices

Motion carries.

8. Other Business

Matt Shultz: I am hoping to have a few meetings in the next couple of months to discussion ways to welcome grad students across departments and explain how to have democratic general meetings.

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, October 2nd 2012.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9th 2012.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

09/11/12:11

Moved: Jillian Buford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

Motion carries.

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Attached:

August Minutes

September Reports

August Attendance

2012-2013 Budget

Appendix 1

September Attendance

Name		Represents	Present
Dana	Wesley	Aboriginal Rep	
Marvin	Ferrer	Anatomy & Cell Biology	
Daniela	Vogel	Art Conservation	X
Kathleen	Adams	Art History	X
Alyssa	Kirlin	Biochemistry	X
Derek	Gray	Biology	
Celia	Symons	Biology	
Julian	Chesterman	Biomedical Engineering	X
Vacant	Vacant	Biostatistics	
Tony	Gkotsis	Board of Trustees Rep	X
Ningsi	Mei	Chemistry	X
Kyle	Petrie	Chemical Engineering	X
Vacant	Vacant	Civil Engineering	
Vacant	Vacant	Classics	
Colleen	Webber	Community Health and Epidemiology	X
Lidija	Latifovic	Community Health and Epidemiology	X
Melissa	Trezise	Computing Science	X
Haroon	Malik	Computing Science	
Rami	Bahgat	Cultural Studies	
Andrea	Craig	Economics	X
Vacant	Vacant	Education - Graduate - President	
Jessica	Chan	Education - Graduate M.Ed	X
Vacant	Vacant	Education - Graduate PhD	
Chris	Fiorentino	Electrical and Computer Engineering	
Patricia	Oprea	English	X
Vacant	Vacant	English	
Byomkesh	Talukder	Environmental Studies	
Kristy	Chown	ESS	
Steven	Meece	ESS	
Kristin	Boyd	ESS President	
Jennifer	Parker	ESS/SGPS Liason	X
Patrick	St-Amand	French	
Sarah	Jacoba	French	
Judicael	Zounmevo	GECE President	
Kaleigh	Alkenbrack	Gender Studies	
Sarah	Allux	Geography	
Gentry	Hanks	Geography	
Ryan	Dhillon	Geology	X
Vacant	Vacant	German	
Hayley	Morgan	Global Development	
Terry	Bridges	Graduate Senator	X
Tabitha	Renaud	History	X
Matthew	Cathmoir	Industrial Relations	
Carolyn	Lee	Industrial Relations	
Holly	McIndoe	International Rep	
Sima	Zakani	International Rep	

Gifford	Ko	Kinesiology and Health Studies	
Stefanie	Kullick	Languages, Literatures & Cultures	
Vacant	Vacant	Law	
Janet	Yang	Law	
Vacant	Vacant	Law	
Jie	Tang	Law - Graduate	
Robert	Thompson	Law - LSS President	
Aarondeep	Bains	Law Senator	X
Vacant	Vacant	Management	
Saeed	Akhavan Astaneh	Math and Stats	
Vacant	Vacant	Mature Student Rep	
Robert	Nishida	Mechanical and Material Engineering	X
Sarah	Martz	Microbiology	
Spencer	Reeves	Mining Engineering	X
Alexander	Cushing	Mining Engineering	X
Raynold	Alorse	MPA	
Farin	Bourojeni	Neuroscience	X
Jane	van de Ven-Dantes	Nursing	
Vacant	Vacant	Part Time Rep	
Victoria	Hoskin	Pathology	
Dulcie	Lai	Pathology	
Yohan	D'Souza	Pharmacology	
Nikoo	Najand	Philosophy	
Nathalie	Ouellette	Physics	X
Andrea	Mimee	Physiology	
Alexander	Steffan	Political Studies	
Jackie	Huberman	Psychology	X
Megan	Jaquith	Public Health	
Nick	Francis	Rector	
Kristen	Gamble	Rehab Sciences (Professional)	
Vacant	Vacant	Rehab Sciences (Research)	
Vacant	Vacant	Rehabilitation Therapy	
Vacant	Vacant	Religious Studies	
Robert	Lawson	School of Religion	
Darin	MacKinnon	School of Religion	
Gillian	Bankas	Sociology	
Vacant	Vacant	Urban and Regional Planning	
Sean	Richards	Executive Director	X
Matthew	Scribner	President	X
Jillian	Burford-Grinnell	VP Finance	X
Matt	Shultz	VP Campaigns & Community Affairs	X
Becky	Pero	VP Graduate	X
Annie	Clifford	VP Professional	X
Cassandra	Kuyvenhoven	Social Commissioner	X
Chris	Harris	Athletics Coordinator	X
Ciara	Bracken-Roche	Logistics Coordinator	X
Margaux	MacDonald	Planning Coordinator	
Robin	Westland	Equity Commissioner	

Aliya	Kassam	Equity Coordinator	
Holly	McIndoe	International Students' Affairs Comissioner	X
Kris	Singh	International Students' Affairs Coordinator	X
Jack	Wallace	Sustainability Coordinator	
James	MacLeod	Speaker	X
Alvin	Szeto	Deputy Speaker	
Eric	Rapos	Chief Returning Officer	X
Anne-Marie	Grondin	Executive Assistant	X
Other Attendees			
Sara	Pavan	Student Advisor	
Victoria	Millious	Student Advisor	