



## Agenda

Novmeber 14th, 2017 - 5:30pm  
McLaughlin Hall, JDUC

The Society of Graduate and Professional Students recognizes the traditional and ancestral territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Nations on whose lands we gather on today.



### Adoption of the Agenda

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#### A. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION 11/14/17:1**

**BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council Meeting.**



### Executive & Speaker Reports

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#### A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Adam Grotsky (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Stéfy McKnight (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Russell Durward (no report attached)
- d. VP Finance & Services – Lauren Peacock (oral report)
- e. VP Community – Tyler Morrison (no report attached)

#### B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Jennifer Williams (oral report)

#### C. Approval

**MOTION 11/14/17:2**

**BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.**



### Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

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#### A. Senator Report – Graduate Student Senator – Alexandru Sonoc (report attached)

#### B. Trustee Report – Graduate Student Trustee – Adam Ali (report attached)

#### C. Commissioner Reports

- a. Athletics Commissioner – Lindsay Ruitter (report attached)
- b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Kelly Watson (report attached)
- c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Atul Jaiswal (report attached)
- d. Social Commissioner – Martyna Kamela (report attached)

#### D. Committee Reports

#### E. Department Reports



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#### F. Other Reports

- a. University Rector – Cam Yung (no report submitted)
- b. Chief Returning Officer (oral report)

#### G. Approval

**MOTION 11/14/17:3**

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



#### IV. Question Period & Departmental Issues

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#### V. Business Arising from the Minutes

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##### A. Ad-Hoc Committee on Electoral Engagement

Requesting 2-3 Council members to sit on ad-hoc committee in the next 3 weeks to discuss electoral engagement, in preparation for December report.



#### VI. Main Motions & Discussion

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##### A. Motion for a letter of support to SCAP regarding the removal of the “distance studies” designation from online degrees

**MOTION 11/14/17:4**

Whereas Queen’s University has a high academic standard for all courses and degrees it offers regardless of whether they are on campus, online, and blended

Whereas there is an unjust stigma associated with terms such as “distance studies”, “online courses”, “online degrees” in the general public

Whereas the Senate Committee on Academic Development (SCAP) is reconsidering removing the designation of “distance studies” from official transcripts

Be it resolved that the SGPS executive write a letter to SCAP stating the SGPS supports combating the stigma associated with distance studies, online courses, and online degrees and that it supports the removal of the special designation “distance studies” from official transcripts.



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Be it further resolved that the letter be sent to SCAP no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 so that it can be read in time for its next meeting.

Be it further resolved that the executive contact the AMS so that they too may send such a letter of support to SCAP.

#### **B. JDUC Committee**

**MOTION 11/14/17:5**

BIRT the SGPS Council strike a committee to determine what are the most important features of a shared space in the new JDUC project. The purpose of this committee is to determine what are the priorities of graduate students for this new space. The committee should feature 3-7 members consisting of members of the executive and members of council.

C. Review of the Principal (See "Submission from Principal Woolf to Joint Committee")

D. Referendum Policy (See "Briefing on the SGPS Student Fee Policy")



#### **VII. Other Business**

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#### **VIII. Notices of Motion & Announcements**

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The Fall GM is on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in Dunning 14 – please invite your department members!

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM (McLaughlin Hall, JDUC). Motions for the December Council meeting are due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.



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**IX. Adjournment**

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**A. Adjournment**

**Motion 11/14/17:6**

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.