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.

I. Adoption of the Agenda

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MOTION 16/01/18:1
BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the January 16th, 2018 Council Meeting.

II. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

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

B. Speaker Report

a. Speaker – Jennifer Williams (oral report)

C. Approval

MOTION 16/01/18:2
BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

III. Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

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 Ruiter (no report submitted)
b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Rosie Petrides (report attached)
c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Atul Jaiswal (report attached)
d. Social Commissioner – Martyna Kamela (report attached)

D. Committee Reports

E. Department Reports
F. Other Reports
   a. University Rector – Cam Yung (oral report)
   b. Chief Returning Officer (oral report)

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

IV. Question Period & Departmental Issues

V. Business Arising from the Minutes

VI. Main Motions & Discussion

   A. Approval of SGPS Executive Election Ballot for 2018  MOTION 16/01/18:4
   B. Approval of Graduate Student Trustee Election Ballot for 2018  MOTION 16/01/18:5
   C. Approval of SGPS Student Fee Referendum Ballot for 2018  MOTION 16/01/18:6

   Please note that as nomination packages are due on Monday, January 15th at 4:00pm, Council will be provided with the names of candidates and fees at Council on the 16th.

   D. Policy Changes to P.10.4. Rector Elections – Campaigning  MOTION 16/01/18:7
   The following changes have been made to reflect changes made with the AMS regarding Rector Elections. These will be grandfathered into the next Rector elections.

P.10.4 Campaigning
   a. Campaigning shall not commence until the end of the validation period and the beginning of the campaign period.
   b. All campaign materials and promotions are subject to the approval of the Rector Election Team. A sample of all campaign materials shall be submitted to the Rector Election Team to be kept on file for the duration of the campaign. All posters must be stamped to indicate approval.
c. Candidates shall publically release a platform-in-full no later than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the debate. The platform-in-full shall also be submitted to the Rector Elections Team at the same time.

d. There shall be a limit of 100 posters per team of candidates. Any poster larger than 11” x 17” shall be deemed a banner. There shall be no more than two banners per team of candidates.

d. Campaign posters shall be no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches. Any signs exceeding this size shall be defined as a banner.
   (1) There shall be a limit of 250 posters approved per candidate.
   (2) There shall be a limit of four banners approved per candidate.

e. All posters must be printed on 100% recyclable paper and recycled after the end of the campaign period.

f. Placement and distribution of Posters and campaign material must adhere to the Elections Policies of both Societies, as well as all university and building policies.

g. Candidates must book table space for use during the campaign period in the following campus buildings through the Rector Election Team: The Student Life Centre, Macintosh Corry Hall, The Biosciences Complex and any other building specified by the Rector Election Team prior to the campaign period. The Elections Team will also co-ordinate the booking of banner space in the JDUC. The allocation of table and banner space will be done through a lottery process.
   (1) Candidates shall be entitled to a maximum of 45 hours of table space for the duration of the campaign period.
   (2) Boothing hours shall be restricted to the hours between 9:00AM and 6:00PM

h. Campaign tables or booths must be staffed by the parties involved at all times. Promotional materials may not be left unattended.

i. Any classroom appearance must be cleared through the instructor in advance of the scheduled time. This contact may be made during the nomination period. Arrangements for classroom talks shall be the responsibility of the candidates election team. All content shall be consistent with all approved material, in accordance with both AMS and SGPS Policy on Elections and Referenda.

j. No form of off-campus campaigning shall be permitted. Candidates shall not place campaign materials on trees or utility poles either on or off campus. This includes banners strung from utility poles.

k. All campaigning in Residence must conform to Residence policies. No room-to-room campaigning in Residence shall be permitted.

l. No candidate may campaign inside campus pubs or cafeterias. Campaigning shall be permitted in line-ups but shall not occur past the point where patrons are requested to provide identification for entrance. Campaigning in line-ups shall also be subject to any applicable residence or university regulations.

m. Campaign materials shall not be distributed in campus pubs, cafeterias, AMS offices and AMS services. In addition, no AMS or SGPS employees may display campaign materials while on duty.
m. All email content shall be consistent with previously approved campaign material and shall be above reproach. Candidates may request an individual with reasonable level of authority within an organization to forward an email to their organization using a mass email list. Use of AMS and SGPS mass email lists is prohibited.

n. Candidates may request an organization to forward an email to their members using a mass email list. Use of AMS and SGPS mass email lists is prohibited.

e-n. Candidates are responsible for the conduct of their campaign organization and its members. Any violation of elections policy by said members shall be regarded as a violation by the candidate. Individuals who are not members of a specific campaign organization and who are found to have violated elections policy may be referred to their respective society’s non-academic discipline system.

p-o. No candidate shall seek endorsement from any University faculty or staff member.

q-p. All candidate websites and other online campaign materials, including content on social networking sites shall be approved by the Rector Election Team. All updates shall be closely monitored by the Rector Elections Team.

q. All campaigning shall cease by 11:59 pm of the day preceding the first day of voting. Each candidate or team of candidates will be required to remove all campaign material produced on their behalf for the purposes of the election by 8:00 pm on the day preceding the first day of voting. Websites and other online content may continue for the duration of the voting days. Candidates or teams will not be allowed to physically campaign on campus during the voting days, may remain available, but may not be altered after the 11:59 pm deadline.

r. Candidates are responsible for providing the Rector Elections Team with an up to date list of all individuals associated with their campaign within 8 hours of notice from the Rector Elections Team.

s. No polls or surveys of public opinion regarding Rector elections shall be published or broadcast on the day(s) of voting.

t. AMS Council Members and Officers, SGPS Executive Members, SGPS Commissioners and Coordinators, and SGPS Officers of Council shall remain neutral at all times. They may not publicly support any individual candidacy whether on or off-duty nor shall they be permitted to take a leave of absence to do so. AMS and SGPS offices, email addresses and other office resources shall at no time be used for any purpose relating to an individual campaign. All other AMS and SGPS salaried staff shall be permitted to support an individual candidacy while off-duty but shall not be eligible to take a leave of absence to do so. Off-duty campaigning by AMS or SGPS salaried staff may not occur in the vicinity of any AMS or SGPS service.

u. A student holding a position within either the AMS or SGPS nonacademic discipline system shall be required to take a leave of absence in order to participate in a rector election in any capacity. Any student nominated to sit on the Rector Election Appeal board may not have participated in the rector election in any capacity.

v. Any student holding a position on the AMS Judicial Committee shall be required to resign their position in order to participate in a rector election in any capacity.
The AMS Assembly and SGPS Council shall be neutral forums. No promotional materials shall be displayed or distributed at these meetings and all questions shall be directed to all candidates.

During the Campaign Period, an All Candidates Debate will be organized by the Rector Election Team for all students to attend.

E. Special Referendum: February 2018  

MOTION 16/01/18:8

BIRT the SGPS hold a special referendum for a mandatory, non-reviewable student fee to support the redevelopment of the John Deutsch University Centre.

BIFRT February 5-11 constitute the campaign period of the special referendum and February 12-13 constitute the voting days of the special referendum.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Notices of Motion & Announcements

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 PM (McLaughlin Hall, JDUC). Motions for the February Council meeting are due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 6th.

IX. Adjournment

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Motion 16/01/18:9

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.