



## Agenda

November 28th, 2017 - 5:30pm  
Dunning Hall Room 14  
Fall General Meeting

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.

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## Presentations

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- 1) SGPS Award Presentations: Mr. Jeffrey Rice, Dr. John Smol, Piriya Yoganathan
- 2) Presentation by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

### About the Federation

- Formed in 1981
- Represents over 650,000 members across the Country
- Speaks with one voice to represent students in public post-secondary institutions to provincial and federal governments
- Described Ontario vs. National representative Board & structure
  - o Members → Member Students' Associations (SGPS) → National/Provincial Executive through General Meetings
  - o Also hired Staff to aid in coordination of program

### Current Priorities of the Graduate Caucus:

- Not in the Syllabus/Mental Health
- Post-Residency Fees
- Copyright Reform
- Student-Supervisor Relations

### Finances

- Federation relies on membership fees to operate – currently at \$8.24/per semester for full-time students (pro-rated for part-time students)



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### Lots of Campaigns:

- Fight the Fees campaign: reducing tuition fees; especially in Ontario
- International Student Campaign – OHIP for International students
- Not in the Syllabus Program → Graduate student mental health; graduate students have different needs than UG students; as a TA – entering the same space as an UG student, puts students in an awkward position.

### Government Relations

- Meeting with government officials through a variety of working groups and committees

### Research

- Research supports and informs campaigns
- Policy/Proposals for government
- Example: week prior to budget report for government, present proposal for lobbying (Provincial and Federal) on student-specific issues and finances

### Services

- Services for Student Associations: bulk purchasing handbooks, health and dental benefits, sexual health products...etc.
- Services for Members: services designed to save individual member money: ISIC, UFile

Work with National coalition partners → Faculty Associations, Labour Unions...etc. to align messaging and strength across team (Provincial and Federal)

### Coming Up....

- Ontario: Graduate Student Symposium – discussions around graduate student: February 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> (tentative dates)

### 3) Year in Review (So Far...): SGPS Executive



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## Adoption of the Agenda

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### A. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION 11/28/17:1**

BIRT the SGPS General Meeting adopt the Agenda for the November 28, 2017 Fall General Meeting.



## Executive & Speaker Reports

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### A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Adam Grotzky (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Stéfy McKnight (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Russell Durward (report attached)
- 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 11/28/17:2**

BIRT SGPS General Meeting approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.



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

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**A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Alexandru Sonoc (no report submitted)

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

### C. Commissioner Reports

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

### D. Committee Reports

### E. Department Reports

### F. Other Reports

- a. University Rector – Cam Yung (report attached)
- b. Chief Returning Officer (oral report)



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### Approval

BIRT SGPS General Meeting approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.

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### Question Period

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### Main Motions

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### New Business

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#### A. JDUC Space Town Hall

#### B. SGPS Ad-Hoc Committee on JDUC Space Needs

**MOTION 11/28/17:4**

On November 21, 2017, the following motion to establish a committee was approved by SGPS Council. We are now seeking 2 members of Council and 2 students at large to be elected by this SGPS General Meeting for appointment to the committee from November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – April 30, 2018.

BIRT SGPS General Meeting approve two Council members and two at-large SGPS members for the committee, as elected.

#### Overview

The SGPS is working in partnership with the AMS and University to redevelop the John Deutsch University Centre (JDUC). The current building fails to meet the structural and functional needs of a 21<sup>st</sup> century student body. With plans for redevelopment progressing, this committee will explore what graduate and professional students seek from the new space.

#### Purpose



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- Discuss the space needs of graduate and professional students and identify gaps that the current JDUC fails to meet.
- Engage and consult the graduate and professional student body at large to establish priorities for the new JDUC space.
- Consider the space needs of graduate and professional students from diverse perspectives.

#### Composition

- One (1) member of the SGPS Executive (Chair)
- SGPS Equity and Diversity Commissioner
- SGPS International Commissioner
- Two (2) members of Council
- Two (2) students at large

#### Terms

- The committee will meet bi-weekly, or more if deemed necessary by the committee.
- The committee will hold a town hall to solicit feedback directly from SGPS members.
- The committee will submit a report containing its findings and recommendations at the January meeting of SGPS Council.

#### C. Gender Studies Report: Accountability for Racialized Students



## Notices of Motion & Announcements

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## Adjournment

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**Motion 11/28/17:5**

BIRT this SGPS Fall General Meeting be adjourned.