



Agenda
February 13th, 2018 - 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.

SGPS Council Open Forum: Student Fee Referendum (5:30pm)



I. Adoption of the Agenda

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MOTION 13/02/18:1

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the February 13th, 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 (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 13/02/18:2

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 Ruitter (report attached)
- b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Rosie Petrides (report attached)



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- 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 (report attached)
- b. Chief Returning Officer (oral report)

G. Approval

MOTION 13/02/18:3

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



IV. Question Period & Departmental Issues

Questions from Alexandru (Graduate Student Senator) to Adam Grotzky (President)

1. What is the Health Fund and how can it or cannot be used?
2. How does the executive decide on what the health plan covers and costs? How does it consult with council? Are these formal processes with a set procedure or does it change year to year with the executive?



V. Business Arising from the Minutes



VI. Main Motions & Discussion

Election Ratification

A. Ratification of the Election Results: Vice Presidential Candidates MOTION 13/02/18:4

BIRT that SGPS Council approve the following results of the Vice Presidential elections:

Vice President Community – Isabel Luce (55.2%, contested election)

Vice President Graduate – Leo Erlikhman (89.2% yes, acclamation vote)

Vice President Professional – Lauren Peacock (93.6% yes, acclamation vote)

Vice President Finance & Services – Abel Hazon (95.8% yes, acclamation vote)



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**B. Judicial Committee Recommendation re: Presidential Election
MOTION 13/02/18:5 (1) & (2)**

Note: (1) and (2) will be voted on separately.

Please see statement attached, released February 9, 2018.

“Recommendations by the Judicial Committee to SGPS Council:

1) To host an SGPS Presidential Election during the February 13th SGPS Council meeting, as per our previous statement; and

2) To task the Bylaw and Policy Committee to review policies described in this statement, among others, and bring forward amendments at the March Council meeting.”

C. Alternative Recommendation re: Presidential Election **MOTION 13/02/18:6**

Note that the following motion only comes forward if the motion in B is not approved by Council.

BIRT SGPS Council approve a by-election for the Presidential candidates Stefy McKnight and Tyler Morrison, to be held on March 12th & 13th, with a campaign period from March 5th – 11th.

D. Graduate Student Trustee Election **MOTION 13/02/18:7**

BIRT SGPS Council approve an election for the Graduate Student Trustee position, to be held on March 12th & 13th, with a campaign period from March 5th – 11th.

Student Fee Ratification

E. Student Fee Referendum Policy Amendments (Appendix A) **MOTION 13/02/18:8**

BIRT SGPS Council approve the attached student fee referendum policy amendments, as detailed in Appendix A.

F. Ratification of the Bus-It Student Fee Results **MOTION 13/02/18:9**

BIRT SGPS Council approve the following Bus-It Student Fee results:

“Do you agree to an increase in the Bus-It (Kingston Transit Student Pass) mandatory student fee from \$68.30 to \$90.00, an increase of \$21.70?”



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Fee did not pass 2/3 majority vote in referendum (Yes: 48.4%).

G. Alternative Recommendation re: Bus-It Student Fee Results **MOTION 13/02/18:10**

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BIRT SGPS Council approve a re-referendum of the Bus-It student fee, to be held on March 12th & 13th, with a campaign period from March 5th – 11th.

The question would read: “Do you agree to continuation of the Bus-It (Kingston Transit Student Pass) mandatory student fee for \$90.00? The student fee has been increased from \$68.30 to \$90.00, an increase of \$21.70. Failure for this question to pass the referendum will result in the loss of the unlimited student bus pass for Queen’s Graduate & Professional students.”

H. Ratification of the OPIRG Student Fee Results **MOTION 13/02/18:11**

BIRT SGPS Council approve the following OPIRG Student Fee results:

“Do you agree to the establishment of an optional student fee (subject to individual opt-out) of \$4.66 for the Ontario Public Interest Research Group – Kingston?”

Fee did not pass 2/3 majority vote in referendum (Yes: 61.8%)

I. Ratification of the Walkhome Student Fee Results **MOTION 13/02/18:12**

BIRT SGPS Council approve the following Walkhome Student Fee results:

“Do you agree to the establishment of a mandatory student fee of \$20.16 for the Walkhome program?”

Fee did not pass 2/3 majority vote in referendum (Yes: 43.3%)

Budget Matters

J. Change to SGPS Fiscal Year **MOTION 13/02/18:13**

Whereas the SGPS fiscal year currently runs from September 1st to August 31st of the following year. Since the SGPS executive takes office in May, any expenses or projects begun prior to September are counted against the budget for the last executive.

Whereas a change to our fiscal year end to April 30th would reflect the change in Executive and allow them to work within their ‘own’ budget for the full year of their term.



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Whereas such a change would allow the outgoing and incoming VPFS to work collaboratively on the budget in February & March for council approval in April with the outgoing VPFS bringing almost a whole year's worth of experience and support to the incoming VPFS on how our budget works

Be it resolved that SGPS council approve a change to the SGPS fiscal year, contingent on approval from the Canada Revenue Agency.

K. Updated Budget Approval (Appendix B)

MOTION 13/02/18:14

Whereas the SGPS required a revision to the previously approved budget due to the unexpected loss of \$120,000 the SGPS receives each year from PSAC 901. Please see 'Revised Budget 2017-2018 – Supporting Documents'.

Be it resolved that SGPS council approve the revised 2017-2018 budget.



VII. Other Business



VIII. Notices of Motion & Announcements

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

The SGPS Winter General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27th. Motions and reports are due by Tuesday, February 20th at 4:00 PM.



IX. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

MOTION 13/02/18:15

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.