



Agenda
October 09th, 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.

Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM.



Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

- A. Adoption of the Agenda** **MOTION 09/10/18:1**
BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the October 09th, 2018 Council Meeting.

Moved by Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman)
Seconded by President (Tyler Morrison)
The Motion carries unanimously.

- B. Adoption of the Minutes for September 11, 2018** **MOTION 09/10/18:2**
BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes of the September 11, 2018 Council Meeting.

Moved by Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman)
Seconded by President (Tyler Morrison)
The Motion carries unanimously.



Election of Deputy Speaker and Chief Returning Officer

- A. Election of Deputy Speaker (Nominations and Introductions)**

Speaker explained the process of the election. Indicates candidates for both positions will speak, followed by a single vote.

Fiona Purkis nominates herself for the position of Deputy Speaker

- BIRT the SGPS affirm Fiona Purkis as Deputy Speaker.** **MOTION 09/10/18:9**

Moved by Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman)
Seconded by President (Tyler Morrison)



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B. Election of Chief Returning Officer (Nominations and Introductions)

Noor Shafka nominates herself for the position of Chief Returning Officer.

BIRT the SGPS affirm Noor Shafka as Chief Returning Officer.

MOTION 09/10/18:10

Moved by Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman)

Seconded by President (Tyler Morrison)

C. Vote

BIRT the SGPS vote to affirm both Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Speaker by way of a show of hands as opposed to a secret ballot.

MOTION 09/10/18:11

Moved by Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman)

Seconded by President (Tyler Morrison)

Motions 09/10/18:9 and 09/10/18:10 carry unanimously.



Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Tyler Morrison (report attached)
 - Nothing to add.
- b. VP Graduate – Leo Erlikhman (report attached)
 - Nothing to add.
- c. VP Professional – Lauren Peacock (report attached)
 - Reminded everyone that the professional development headshots will be occurring next week on Wednesday October 17
 - Times will be posted online.
- d. VP Finance & Services – Abel Hazon (report attached)
 - Stated that the Finance Committee is still in good standing;
 - Fee reporting obligations will be done this week.
- e. VP Community – Isabel Luce (report attached)
 - Reminded that the SGPS social lounge is out;
 - Fortright and another Saturday event is still happening.

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Simon Gollish (report attached)



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- Announced that he will be doing a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order;
- Announced that the Bylaw and Policies committee will be struck soon and he will be looking to add new members.

C. Approval

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

MOTION 09/10/18:3

Moved by Alexandra Nest

Seconded by Matt Nelms

The Motion carries unanimously.



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

- A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Alexandru Sonoc (report attached)
- a. Senator told Speaker that he is happy to answer questions via email

President gave a summary of the Senator's report:

- Noted one thing that he finds important: although the Senator is a participant and not a representative, they are accountable to the people that the Senator represents:
- Although there is no obligation for the Senator to represent effectively, the SGPS can still take light on things such as the Senators' attendance record.

- B. Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – Leena Yahia

President added that the reason why the Trustee does not have a report is because the first Trustee meeting happens this upcoming weekend and she will include a report on that in her next report

C. Commissioner Reports

- a. Athletics Commissioner – Larkin Davenport Huyer (report attached)
- b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Catrina Mavriganakis (Oral Report)
 - Deputy commissioners are currently being hired;
 - UCARE public meeting is occurring soon;
 - Bystander intervention training is happening tomorrow at 5:30 and November 13 at 5:30pm.



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- c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Atul Jaiswal (report attached)
- d. Social Commissioner – Beatrice Suero (report attached)

D. Committee Reports

E. Department Reports

F. Other Reports

- a. University Rector – Alex da Silva
- b. Chief Returning Officer – Position Vacant
 - This position was filled in this meeting

G. Approval

MOTION 09/10/18:4

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

Moved by Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman)

Seconded by President (Tyler Morrison)

The Motion carries unanimously.



V. Question Period & Departmental Issues



VI. Business Arising from the Minutes



VII. Main Motions & Discussion

A. Ratification

MOTION 09/10/18:5

BIRT SGPS Council ratify Motion 09/25/18:6, approved at the General Meeting.

Speaker explained that the reason why this motion is taking place is that when there is no quorum at the last council meeting, this council has to ratify the adoption of that motion.

Moved by President (Tyler Morrison)

Seconded by Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman)



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The Motion carries unanimously.

B. Motion: Adoption of Council Agenda

MOTION 09/10/18:6

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the following Council schedule for the 2018/2019 Academic Year:

Month	Reports Due	Meeting Date
November 2018	Tuesday November 6 2018	Tuesday November 13 2018
Fall GM 2018	Tuesday November 20 2018	Tuesday November 27 2018
December 2018	Tuesday December 4 2018	Tuesday December 11 2018
January 2019	Tuesday January 8 2019	Tuesday January 15 2019
February 2019	Tuesday February 5 2019	Tuesday February 12 2019
Winter GM 2019	Tuesday February 19 2019	Tuesday February 26 2019
March 2019	Tuesday March 5 2019	Tuesday March 12 2019
April 2019	Tuesday April 2 2019	Tuesday April 9 2019
May 2019	Tuesday May 7 2019	Tuesday May 14 2019

All meetings are to be held at 5:30 p.m. Reports are due at 5 p.m.

Moved by President (Tyler Morrison)

Seconded by Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlichman)

The Motion carries unanimously.

C. Motion: Refund Policy to be added to Bylaw and Policy

MOTION 09/10/18:7

WHEREAS the SGPS sells tickets to numerous events throughout the year that often sell-out or require waitlists;

WHEREAS the SGPS relies on being able to sell all the tickets that they make available on their website;

WHEREAS there are often requests for refunds for reasons besides emergencies, giving no time for the SGPS to re-sell their tickets to other members;

WHEREAS there is currently no policy in place that dictates how the SGPS deals with requests for refunds;

BIRT the following section "f." be added to a refund policy be added to P.1.1.1.:

f. The SGPS will only process refunds for event tickets if requested within 24 hours of purchase, and only if the event is more than 5 days away. Full event refunds may be



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processed at anytime by the discretion of the Executive or Commissioner running the event in case the event is cancelled or postponed due to any unforeseen reason (i.e. inclement weather).

Moved by: Isabel Luce (Vice-President Community)

Seconded by President (Tyler Morrison)

Vice-President Community speaks in favour of this motion:

- States that her portfolio deals with organizing events and that there is a troubling pattern here:
 - o An event gets sold out, there is a waiting list of people who want to attend the event
 - o After the event takes place, some students do not show up and then request a refund
 - o She wants to put in this policy because she is concerned about attendance and proper event planning

Brendan (Council of History department): asked about how this will be done, whether online or in person.

Vice-President Community stated that it will be done on a case by case basis.

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Other Business

Council Review Committee

Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman) reminded council that there is a Council Review Committee whose attendance is not capped and encouraged people to reach out to their student representatives

Matt Nelms: should we approach the student advisors or how do we go about this?

Britney Lester: why do we have to do this so quickly?

Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman): this is because of elections which occurs in January.

Rick Helgasson: Is there any information on the recommendations or the work of the committee?

Vice-President Graduate (Leo Erlikhman): Very briefly goes over the three models.



Notices of Motion & Announcements

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



Adjournment

A. Adjournment

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

Motion 16/01/18:8

Moved by President (Tyler Morrison)

The Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm