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January 15th, 2019 - 5:30pm
McLaughlin Room, 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.

I. Adoption of the Agenda

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MOTION 15/01/19:1
BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the January 15th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Moved by: VP Graduate
Seconder: President

MOTION 15/01/19:2
Upon recommendation by the Finance and Services Committee, BIRT the Agenda be amended to add a referendum question (Walkhome, $12 dollars) following motion C.

Moved by: Brianna Pioli
Second by: VP Graduate
Adopted, unanimously

MOTION 15/01/19:3
BIRT the Agenda be amended to add a presentation (The Aesculapian Society) immediately following the adoption of the minutes.

Moved by: President
Seconded by: VP Graduate
Approved: unanimously

Amended Agenda is adopted unanimously.

II. Minutes

A. BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from November 13, 2019.

MOTION 15/01/19:4

Moved by: President
Seconded by: VP Graduate

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Adopted, unanimously

III. The Aesculapian Society

A. Presentation by the University Affairs Officer.

IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

B. Executive Reports
   a. President – Tyler Morrison
   b. VP Graduate – Leo Erlikhman
   c. VP Professional – Lauren Peacock
   d. VP Finance & Services – Abel Hazon
   e. VP Community – Isabel Luce

C. Speaker Report
   a. Speaker – Simon Gollish

D. Approval
   MOTION 15/01/19:5
   BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

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

A. Senator Report – Graduate Student Senator – Alexandru Sonoc
B. Trustee Report – Graduate Student Trustee – Leena Yahia (no report)
C. Commissioner Reports
   a. Athletics Commissioner – Delivered by Devon Blaskevitch
   b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Catrina Mavrigianakis
   c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Atul Jaiswal
   d. Social Commissioner – Beatrice Suero

D. Committee Reports
E. Department Reports
F. Other Reports
   a. University Rector – Alex da Silva (no report)
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b. Chief Returning Officer – Nick Stefan

G. Approval

MOTION 15/01/19:6
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. Adjusting Mandatory Fees to the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

MOTION 15/01/19:7

WHEREAS SGPS Council changed the entirety of the SGPS fee policy in October 2016 and inadvertently removed the previous indexing to the Consumer Price Index that existed for Mandatory fees;

WHEREAS the SGPS may be obligated to continue to apply the Consumer Price Index to Mandatory fees year over year;

WHEREAS the referendum questions for mandatory fees previously stated they would be indexed to CPI

BIRT the following section “d” be added to P.1.2.4.g:

d. Fees collected under the mandatory slate can be indexed to inflation on a yearly basis using the “Consumer Price Index” as published Bank of Canada.

BIFRT that the following sections of P.9.3.f be changed to read:
(2) “Do you agree to the establishment of a mandatory student fee of [$x] (indexed to CPI) for [group]? This fee is subject to triennial review.”
(5) “Do you agree to a [decrease/increase] in the [group] mandatory student fee, from [$x] to [$y] (indexed to CPI), a [decrease/increase] of [$z]? This fee is subject to triennial review.

(7) “Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of [$x] (indexed to CPI) for [group]? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

Moved by: President
Seconded by: VP graduate
Adopted, unanimously.

B. Late Question Referenda

MOTION 15/01/19:8
BIRT the SGPS allow the Food Bank to submit a Nomination Package following the closing of the Nomination Period.

BIFRT the SGPS place the following question on the of 2019 SGPS General Elections:

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of $1.20 for Alma Mater Society Food Bank? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

Moved by: VP Graduate
Seconded by: President

Motion to Amend: BIRT the preceding motion include “index to CPI”.  MOTION 15/01/19:9

Moved by: President
Seconded by: VP Graduate
Adopted, unanimously. The question now reads “Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of $1.20 (Indexed to CPI) for Alma Mater Society Food Bank? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

The main motion is adopted, unanimously.

C. Elections and Referendum Questions  MOTION 15/01/19:10
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Upon recommendation from the Finance and Services Committee, BIRT SGPS Council place the following questions on the ballot of 2019 SGPS General Elections:

Elections for SGPS Executive and Graduate Student Senator:

Please select the individual you wish to have elected as President of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen’s University:
Jeremy Ambraska Jaspar Wong

Do you agree to the acclamation of Abel Hazon to the position of Vice-President Finance of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen’s University?

Do you agree to the acclamation of Ryan Adlem to the position of Vice-President Professional of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen’s University?

Do you agree to the acclamation of Leo Erlikhman to the position of Vice-President Graduate of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen’s University?

Do you agree to the acclamation of Cameron Wathey to the position of Vice-President Community of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen’s University?
Do you agree to the acclamation of Courtney Bannerman to the position of Graduate Student Senator?

Mandatory Fee Questions

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of $174.24 for Queen’s Athletic and Recreation? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of $1.00 for Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of $0.71 for Queen’s International Student Society Bursary Program? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of $3.48 for World University Services Canada (WUSC) Queen’s? This fee is subject to triennial review.”
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“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of $3.50 for The Queen’s Journal? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of $5.56 for Work-Study Program? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

Optional Fee Questions
“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of $7.50 for CFRC 101.9FM? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of $2.50 for Kingston Coalition Against Poverty? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of $2.00 for Loving Spoonful? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of $1.00 for Kingston Youth Shelter? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of $20.00 for Grad Club? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

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Moved by President
Seconded by: VP Graduate

MOTION 15/01/19:11

Motion to amend: World University Services Canada (WUSC) Queen’s fee should be written as optional and not a mandatory fee.

Mover: President
Seconder: VP Community
Adopted, unanimously
MOTION 15/01/19:12

Motion to amend: All mandatory fees should be amended to include the prescribed language indicating they will be indexed to CPI.

Moved by: President
Seconded by: VP Community
Adopted, unanimously

Student Graduate Senator asks as to why certain fees are mandatory versus optional.

The main motion is adopted unanimously.

D. Referendum Question – Walkhome

MOTION 15/01/19:13

Upon recommendation of the Finance and Services, BIRT the following question be added to the ballot:
"Do you agree to the establishment of a mandatory student fee of $12.00 (indexed to CPI) for Walkhome? This fee is subject to triennial review."

Moved by: Brianna Pioli
Seconded by: Unnamed Councillor

MOTION 15/01/19:14

Motion to amend: questions should be amended to a mandatory fee and include the prescribed language indicating they will be indexed to CPI.

Moved by: President
Seconded by: Mike Dungey
Adopted, unanimously. Question now reads “Do you agree to the establishment of a mandatory student fee of $12.00 (indexed to CPI) for Walkhome? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

Members debate main motion.

Main motion is adopted, noted opposition.
VII. Other Business

VIII. Notices of Motion & Announcements

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 12th at 5:30 PM (McLaughlin Room, JDUC). Motions for the February Council meeting are due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 5th.

IX. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

Moved by: President

Adopted, unanimously.