



## **Agenda**

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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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#### **A. Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION 09/04/19:1**

**BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting.**



### **II. Minutes**

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#### **A. BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from March 12, 2019.**

**MOTION 09/04/19:2**



### **III. Election of the SGPS Speaker for 2019-2020**

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#### **A. Election of the Speaker by Secret Ballot.**

Each nominee shall receive three (3) minutes to introduce their candidacy, followed a maximum of three (3) questions from Council Members.



### **IV. Executive & Speaker Reports**

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#### **A. Executive Reports**

- a. President – Tyler Morrison (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Leo Erlikhman (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Lauren Peacock (report attached)
- d. VP Finance & Services – Abel Hazon (report attached)
- e. VP Community – Isabel Luce (report attached)

#### **B. Speaker Report**

- a. Speaker – Simon Gollish (oral report)



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**C. Approval**

**MOTION 09/04/19:3**

**BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.**



## **V. Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports**

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**A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Alexandru Sonoc

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

**C. Commissioner Reports**

- a. Athletics Commissioner – Larkin Davenport Huyer
- 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
- b. Chief Returning Officer – Position Vacant

**G. Approval**

**MOTION 09/04/19:4**

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



## **VI. Question Period & Departmental Issues**

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## **VII. Business Arising from the Minutes**

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## **VIII. Main Motions & Discussion**

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**A. Council Membership Reform**

**MOTION 09/04/19:5**

**WHEREAS** the SGPS has consulted with students at large, SGPS Council, and at the Fall General Meeting;



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**WHEREAS** the preference from these consultations was to have representation more closely match the populations of constituent bodies (See the appendix attached);

**WHEREAS** the Student Choice Initiative will allow students to opt-out of SGPS membership, and only SGPS members will be represented on council;

**WHEREAS** the SGPS can only receive SGPS membership information based on the school of entry from the University Registrar;

**BIRT The SGPS repeal B.4.2 and replace it with the following.**

**BIFRT The SGPS repeal B.5.1 and replace it with the following.**

#### **B.4.2 Recognized Groups**

- a. Voting Members of SGPS Council shall be representatives from the following recognized groups:
  1. Aesculapian Society
  2. Education Student Society
  3. Education Graduate Student Society
  4. Law Students Society
  5. Equity Committee Chair
  6. Students who are pursuing a graduate degree in the Arts
  7. Students who are pursuing a graduate degree in Sciences
  8. Students who are pursuing a graduate degree in Engineering and Applied Science
  9. Students who are pursuing a graduate degree in the Health Sciences
  10. Students who are pursuing a graduate degree in Business
  11. Students who are pursuing a Professional Degrees and Programs not Represented by a current student society (Urban and Regional Planning, Management, Industrial Relations, Public Administration)
- b. Ordinary Members not represented by a current affiliated student society shall elect members at large based on their school of entry and which Graduate Council their program of entry belongs too.
- c. These groups may choose to organize themselves into collective groups based on faculty, following a successful vote of the membership of the programs represented.
- d. Where possible the SGPS should look to establish new student societies to represent students to their specific faculty board.
- e. The Ordinary Members of the group must demonstrate that they have elected one or more representatives by a majority vote of the Ordinary Members in the group.
- f. The Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee may also recommend on its own initiative that Council make changes to the list of Recognized Groups.
- g. Council shall make the final decision on whether or not to amend the list of recognized groups by majority vote.



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- h. Once an application has been approved, the group will be added to a list of Recognized Groups maintained by the Director and they will be entitled to representation on the SGPS Council as outlined in B.5.1.
- i. Ordinary Members can only be a member of one Recognized Group. In the event that a new Recognized Group is composed of members from existing Recognized Groups, the number of representatives to which those groups are entitled will be adjusted to reflect their reduced membership.

#### B.5.1 Members of Council

- a. The number of representatives for each recognized group will be determined at the end of each winter semester based on the most recently available figures of Ordinary Members from the University Registrar and based on the following formula:
  - 1. >16.1% of the total Ordinary Members – 6 representatives
  - 2. 13.1-16-% of the total Ordinary Members – 5 representatives;
  - 3. 10.1-13% of the total Ordinary Members – 4 representatives;
  - 4. 7.6-10% of the total Ordinary Members - 3 representatives;
  - 5. 5-7.5% of the total Ordinary Members - 2 representatives;
  - 6. <5% of total the total Ordinary Membership - 1 representative;
  - 7. One Senator who is an SGPS member, who shall not vote;
  - 8. The Graduate Student Trustee, who shall not vote;
  - 9. The Commissioners, who shall not vote;
  - 10. The Speaker (or Deputy Speaker in the absence of the Speaker), who shall not vote except in the case of a tie and;
  - 11. The Chief Returning Officer, who shall not vote;
  - 12. The Executive
- b. Members of the Executive, Officers and Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners will fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in the SGPS Bylaws and Policies.
- c. The ex-officio honorary members of Council are:
  - 1. The President of the Alma Mater Society, who shall only participate in debate on matters affecting the AMS, but shall not vote; and
  - 2. The University Rector, who shall not vote.

#### B. Stipend Amount Amendment

**MOTION 09/04/19:6**

**WHEREAS** the SGPS anticipates a 30% reduction in its operating budget;

**WHEREAS** the SGPS must make changes to balance the budget;

**WHEREAS** the SGPS is reducing the budget and work associated with Commissions;

**BIRT Commissioner stipends in By-Law B.10.1 be reduced to \$3,000.**

**BIFRT Deputy-Commissioner stipends in By-Law B.10.1 be reduced to \$1,500.**



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**Other Business**

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**Notices of Motion & Announcements**

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**There will be a Special General Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in McLaughlin Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the JDUC.**



**Adjournment**

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**A. Adjournment**

**Motion 09/04/19:7**

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.