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April 23rd, 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 23/04/19:1

BIRT the SGPS adopt the Agenda for April 23rd, 2019 Annual General Meeting.



II. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

a. President – Tyler Morrison (Oral report to be delivered)

B. Speaker Report

a. Speaker – Simon Gollish (Oral report to be delivered)

C. Approval

MOTION 23/04/19:2

BIRT the SGPS approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.



III. Senator's Report

A. Report by Senator – Alexandru Sonoc (report attached)

B. Approval

MOTION 23/04/19:3

BIRT the SGPS approve the Senator's Report.



IV. Main Motions

A. Peer Support Centre Amendment

MOTION 23/04/19:4

BIRT the SGPS read for a second time and create B. 26, entitled "Peer Support Centre"

BIFRT the SGPS read for a second time and B.26 state the following:



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Graduate Peer Support Centre Mandate

- a. The Graduate Peer Support Centre is a staffed and volunteer service for members of the SGPS to provide a confidential peer-based support service;
- b. the Centre is not a substitute for the provision of professional counseling by Queen's Health, Counseling and Disability Services. The Peer Support Centre is a paraprofessional service – it does not diagnose or treat mental illness. The Centre provides short-term support to students in need of assistance and to appraise students of services available on campus and in the Kingston community
- c. The Centre will adhere to a peer support model. The philosophy behind this model is that for some individuals, and for some areas of individual concern, the assistance provided by a peer trained in active listening, will be the most effective form of support. This model is founded on: self-determination and equality, mutuality and empathy and active listening skills;

Personnel

- a. The VP Graduate is an individual elected by the membership of the SGPS to manage the Peer Academic Advisor Program including:
 - (1) acting as Chair of the Graduate Peer Support Centre Hiring Committee;
 - (2) following the guidelines in the Memorandum of Agreement;
 - (3) consulting with the Graduate Peer Support Centre staff in the daily functioning of the Program;
 - (4) advertising the Graduate Peer Support Centre to SGPS member and the Queen's community;
 - (5) acting as the final oversight of the Graduate Peer Support Centre; and
 - (6) reviewing program statistics to advocate for Queen's University level policy changes to benefit SGPS members.
- b. Graduate Peer Support Centre Staff are individuals hired by the SGPS that are responsible for:
 - (1) Scheduling for all Peer Support Centre volunteers;
 - (2) supervising the volunteers of the service and ensuring the filing of the confidentiality forms from peer meetings;
 - (3) taking on-call shifts;
 - (4) providing support during emergency situations while on-call;
 - (5) being available for debriefing for volunteers after a peer visit while on-call;
 - (6) empowering and supporting volunteers and;
 - (7) completing all training deemed mandatory by the VP Graduate and Program Administrator.
 - (8) make recommendations to the VP Graduates on potential University wide policy changes to benefit SGPS members;



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- (9) compiling regular reports for Health Counseling and Disability Services and the VP Graduate on visit numbers;
- (10) other tasks as assigned by the Program Administrator or VP Graduate
- c. Volunteer responsibilities shall include but are not limited to:
 - (1) providing confidential support to students by informing them of pertinent rules, regulations and guidelines of the services provided by the Graduate Peer Support Centre;
 - (2) attend all training sessions deemed necessary
 - (3) attend shifts assigned to them. In the event that they are unable to attend a shift, a volunteer must attempt to ensure that the shift is covered;
 - (4) complete volunteer projects as assigned by Graduate Peer Support Centre Staff and the VP Graduate;
 - (5) maintain high level of expertise in the Centre's services;
 - (6) have clear knowledge of on and off-campus services;
 - (7) report to Graduate Peer Support Centre paid staff and;
 - (8) adhere to the Centre's confidentiality policies;
- d. All Other matters regarding the Peer Support Centre can be found in SGPS Policy _____

BIFRT the SGPS add a Peer Support Advisor Stipend, listed as number 6 in B.10.1 at \$6000.

Mover: Leo Erlichman

B. Peer Academic Advisors

MOTION 23/04/19:5

BIRT the SGPS read a second time and amend all references in Bylaw & Policy of Student Advisor to Peer Academic Advisor.

Mover: Leo Erlichman

C. A. Updates to Bylaw (Text Contained in an accompanying document) MOTION 23/04/19:6

WHEREAS the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee is tasked with considering the SGPS' Bylaws and Policies;

WHEREAS the Committee has sought to make the document consistent, whether that be in formatting or terminology used;



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WHEREAS the Committee has sought to provide definitions that should allow for greater facility in interpretation;

BIRT the SGPS read for a second time numerous amendments to Bylaw proposed by the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

D. Health and Dental Plan

MOTION 23/04/19:7

WHEREAS as a result of the student choice initiative the SGPS will offer a Health and Dental plan to graduate and professional students at Queen's University who are not Ordinary Members of the SGPS,

WHEREAS the SGPS is changing the provider of the Health and Dental plan this summer,

WHEREAS recent graduate and professional students who graduate from Queen's but have not yet found employment may be unable to afford Health and Dental Plans available to them, such as the Queen's Alumni plan which costs at least \$85.30 per month, but may be able to afford the SGPS Health and Dental Plan,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SGPS executive research the possibility of offering the soon to be created SGPS Health and Dental for non-members to recent alumni (those who have been alumni for less than 12 months) who were enrolled in a SGPS Health and Dental Plan in their last year of study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the executive report their findings to SGPS Council, either in writing or at a meeting, before a contract is signed and with enough notice such that if Council choses to give the executive direction in this matter it has the opportunity to do so.

Mover: Alexandru Sonoc



New Business



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Adjournment

A. **Adjournment**

MOTION 23/04/19:8

BIRT this General Meeting of the SGPS be adjourned.