

Minutes
April 9th, 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.

Meeting Begins: 5:32pm

I. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Adoption of the Agenda MOTION 09/04/19:1 BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the April 9th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Moved: Leo Erlikhman, VP Graduate
Seconded: Tyler Morrison, President

Proposed Amendment to Agenda: allow Claudia to give a presentation prior following Item II, Minutes.

Moved: Tyler Morrison, President
Seconded: Leo Erlikhman, VP Graduate

Amendment carries unanimously.

Amended Agenda carries unanimously.

II. Minutes

- There were no minutes to be passed at this meeting. Simon Gollish, Speaker, undertakes to present them at the next meeting.

III. Motion: Presentation by Claudia Hirtenfelder re: International Student Representatives

- No questions

IV. Election of the SGPS Speaker for 2019-2020

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.

Candidates:

- Laura Culleton
- Megan Fernandez

Questions

- Jeremy Ambraska; “could you describe one trait a successful speaker has?”
- Leo Erlichman, VP Graduate; “How would you mitigate conflict? And provide an example.”
- Simon Gollish, Speaker; “how would you manage elections? Or experience that is relevant?”

Laura Culleton is elected as Speaker of the SGPS for 2019-2020.

V. Executive & Speaker Reports

Executive Reports

President – Tyler Morrison

VP Graduate – Leo Erlichman

VP Finance & Services – Abel Hazon

VP Community – Isabel Luce

Speaker Report

a. Speaker – Simon Gollish

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

Moved: Alexander Ness

Seconder: Leo Erlichman, VP Graduate

The motion carries unanimously.

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

Commissioner Reports

Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Catrina Mavrigianakis

International Students Affairs Commissioner – Atul Jaiswal

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

Moved: Leo Erlikhman, VP Graduate

Seconded: Tyler Morrison, President

The motion carries unanimously.

VII. Question Period & Departmental Issues

None

VIII. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

IX. Main Motions & Discussion

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

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.
 - 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.

Moved: Tyler Morrison, President

Seconded: Leo Erlichman, VP Graduate

Intrdouction

The President and VP Graduate provide an overview of the motion.

Questions

- Christina Lupo; "how will the information be explained to the entire population?"
- Ky Pearce; "Where is the data from the consultations?"

The following members debated the motion:

- Tyler Morrison, President
- Leo Erlichman, VP Graduate
- Stéfy McKnight
- Ky Pearce
- Brendan Egan
- Morgan Lehtinen
- Matt Nelms

Motion to have the amendments to the Bylaw not come in to effect prior to October 1, 2019.

Moved: Tyler Morrison, President

Seconded: Leo Erlichman, VP Graduate

Motion carries, with opposition.

Debate resumes on the main motion.

Point of Information: Morgan Lehtinen, "will there be separate positions with the school entry of will they be general. Tyler Morrison, President informs Council that they will be general.

Motion to adjourn the meeting until more information is provided to Council, particularly the "consultation data" provided.

Moved: Ky Pearce

Seconded: Emily Crawford

Motion is defeated.

Debate resumes on the main motion.

Speaker rules that VP Graduate is not entitled to speak again due to numerous opportunities already taken. The ruling is challenged.

Moved: Leo Erlichman, VP Graduate
Seconded: Ghani Lawal

The motion carries, with opposition. The Speaker is overruled.

Debate resumes on the main motion.

The motion is defeated.

Stipend Amount Amendment

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.

Moved: Tyler Morrison, President
Seconded: Abel Hazon, VP Finance

The motion is debated by:

- Tyler Morrison, President
- Brendan Egan

The Motion carries unanimously.

X. Other Business

None

XI. Notices of Motion & Announcements

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

XII. Adjournment