



Agenda

May 14th, 2019 - 5:30pm
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

Meeting called to order at 5:31

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.



0. Presentations

A. Presentation by Emma, Senior Peer for Career Services Peers Program

Presenter was unable to attend due to illness.



I. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 19/05/09:1

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the May 14th, 2019 Council Meeting.

MOVED: Leo Erlikhman (VP Graduate)

SECONDED: Rick Helgason

Motion CARRIES unanimously.



II. Minutes

A. BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from April 9, 2019.

MOTION 19/05/09:2

MOVED: Leo Erlikhman (VP Graduate)

SECONDED: Ghani Lawal



III. Executive & Speaker Reports

B. Executive Reports

- a. President – Jeremy Ambraska (report attached - absent)



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- b. VP Graduate – Leo Erlikhman (report attached - absent)
- VP Graduate indicates that he is the only present executive member.
- Fee slates are now set.
- Graduate Student Success met and is on the verge of approving a policy on Graduate Student Supervision. A Graduate Supervision Agreement has also been approved.
- Graduate Peer Advisors have been hired. The Centre will be running as of September. VP Graduate makes a call for volunteers.
 - c. VP Professional – Ryan Adlem (report attached - absent)
 - d. VP Finance & Services – Abel Hazon (report attached - absent)
 - e. VP Community – <Position Vacant> (no report—see Summer Supervisor report below)

C. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Laura Culleton (nothing to report)

D. Approval

MOTION 19/05/09:3

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

MOVED: Leo Erlikhman (VP Graduate)

SECONDED: Rick Helgason

The motion CARRIES unanimously.



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

- A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Alexandru Sonoc (nothing to report - absent)
- B. Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – Leena Yahia (nothing to report - absent)
- C. Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Summer Supervisor – Uchitta Vashist (report attached)
 - b. Athletics Commissioner – Charlie Clarry (report attached)
 - c. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Penny Zhang (report attached)
 - d. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Claudia Hirtenfelder (report attached)
 - e. Social Commissioner – Anthony Lomax (report attached)
- D. Committee Reports**
 - a. Nothing to report.



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E. Department Reports

- a. Nothing to report.

F. Other Reports

- a. University Rector – Alex da Silva (nothing to report)

Provides an update of what's on the agenda for the next few months. Will provide an update for the year

- b. Chief Returning Officer – <Position Vacant> (nothing to report)

G. Approval

MOTION 19/05/09:4

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

MOVED: Leo Erlikhman (VP Graduate)

SECONDED: Mike Dungey

The motion CARRIES unanimously.



V. Question Period & Departmental Issues



VI. Business Arising from the Minutes

A. Ratifying Action Taken at the Previous General Meeting

MOTION 19/05/09:5

WHEREAS there was no quorum present at the last general meeting;

WHEREAS emergency actions were required on certain items;

AND WHEREAS the emergency motions that were passed require ratification per Robert's Rules;

BIRT the following motions VI.B–VI.G be ratified



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NOTES: Council may move to split or sever this motion into constituent motions if it wishes. Ratification motions are debatable. The minutes for the Special General Meeting have been attached as Appendix B for reference. Note that *E. Health and Dental* carried with noted opposition and the others carried unanimously.

B. Peer Support Centre Amendment (SGM Motion IV.A—carried unanimously)

This was the second reading of the Graduate Peer Support Center Mandate. The resolutions were to 1) create bylaw B.26 and 2) to add a Peer Support Supervisor stipend in bylaw B.10.1. The funding will come from a private donor. See attached minutes for details.

C. Peer Academic Advisors (SGM Motion IV.B—carried unanimously)

This motion amended all references in bylaw and policy from “Student Advisor” to “Peer Academic Advisor” to comply with the new government fee protocol.

D. Updates to Bylaw (SGM Motion IV.C—carried unanimously)

This motion updated the formatting language in the Bylaw and Policies document for consistency and readability. It also no preserves the number of any bylaws that have been struck, to minimize the chance of mistakes for cross-references in the event of renumbering. No policy or bylaw was changed, and this update keeps with good corporate practice. In answer to a question, a lawyer was not asked to review the document because it would cost “between 18-25thousand dollar for a lawyer to review over 120 pages of a bylaw” according to the outgoing president.

E. Health and Dental Plan (SGM Motion IV.D—carried, noted opposition)

This motion asked the Executive look into the possibility of seeing if recent graduates could be included in the SGPS health and dental plan. The executive would have to report to council before signing any contract, with time for council to recommend direction if wanted. There was discussion on insurance law and insurance economics.

F. Motion to allow Nick to become Deputy Speaker for Council (SGM Motion V.A—carried unanimously)

This motion proposes that Nick become Deputy Speaker for the 2019-2020 school year. There were no other candidates. Nick was endorsed by Laura, the incoming Speaker.

G. Motion to approve “Stipend Amount Amendment” from last council (SGM Motion V.B—carried unanimously)



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This motion was taken to ensure that new councilors (specifically commissioners and deputy commissioners) could be hired and paid given the new budget cuts. The commissioners and deputy commissioners' stipends were reduced. Discussion around reducing hours accordingly concluded that hours are internal policies and, although they will be reduced accordingly, there is no requirement to have hours stated in Bylaws or Policies.

MOVED: Leo Erlikhman (VP Graduate)

SECONDED: Ghani Lawal

- VP Graduate introduces the motion and provides information regarding the noted opposition regarding the health and dental plan motion.
- Claudia requests clarification regarding OHIP/UHIP/SGPS Coverage.
 - VP Graduate provides information.

The motion CARRIES unanimously.



VII. Main Motions & Discussion

None to present.



VIII. Other Business

- **VP Graduate promotes the SGPS intramurals.**



IX. Notices of Motion & Announcements

A. Regarding the August meeting

The date for the August meeting has not yet been set, as we do not know when the executive will be back in August. An email with an e-vote will be sent out later in the summer to find a date that works for everyone.

B. Regarding the fall-term meeting schedule



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The fall-term meeting schedule will be decided at the August meeting.



Adjournment

A. Adjournment

MOTION 19/05/09:6

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

MOVED: Leo Erlikhman (VP Graduate)

SECONDED: Rachael Fernandes

The Motion CARRIES unanimously.