



## **Agenda**

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 5:30pm  
Robert Sutherland 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.



### **Adoption of the Agenda**

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- A. Adoption of the Agenda** **MOTION 19/10/04:1**  
**BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting.**



### **Minutes**

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- A. BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting. MOTION 19/10/04:2**



### **Executive & Speaker Reports**

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- A. Executive Reports**
- a. President – Jeremy Ambraska (see report attached)
  - b. VP Graduate – Leo Erlikhman (oral report)
  - c. VP Professional – Ryan Adlem (see report attached)
  - d. VP Finance & Services – Abel Hazon (see report attached)
  - e. VP Community – Uchitta Vashist (pending council approval - oral report)
- B. Speaker Report**
- a. Speaker – Laura Culleton (oral report)
- C. Approval** **MOTION 19/10/04:3**  
**BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.**



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

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- A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Courtney Bannerman (no report)
- B. Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – Leena Yahia (no report)
- C. Commissioner Reports**
- a. Athletics Commissioner – position vacant (no report)
  - b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Penny Zhang (oral report)



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- c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Claudia Hirtenfelder (see report attached)
- d. Social Commissioner – Anthony Lomax (see report attached)

#### **D. Committee Reports**

#### **E. Department Reports**

#### **F. Other Reports**

- a. University Rector – Alex da Silva (no report)
- b. Chief Returning Officer – position vacant (no report)
- c. Supervisor – position vacant (no report)

#### **G. Approval**

**MOTION 19/10/04:4**

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



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

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

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### **VII. Main Motions & Discussion**

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Whereas the SGPS consulted with Indigenous Students and the Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre.

Whereas Indigenous students have asked for better representation on campus within the structures of the SGPS

- A. BIRT the SGPS Council approves the Vice-President Social Commissioner election results. MOTION 19/10/04:5**
- B. BIRT that a commissioner level position is created for Indigenous students within the SGPS. MOTION 19/10/04:6**
- C. BIRT that the position will be named and added into By-Law according to the numbered procedure below. MOTION 19/10/04:7**



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1. titled by Indigenous students at Queen's and be open to a self-identified Indigenous SGPS member.
2. that once Indigenous students title the position that it be entered into bylaw.
3. the following is **added** under B.9.2 Commissioners, Officers and Deputy Commissioners:
  - a. (6) Indigenous Position (name to be later determined)
4. that B.9.2.f is **amended** to read "Only ordinary members of the SGPS shall be eligible for these positions, with the exception of the Indigenous Position (name to be later determined) which will require that a student be a self-identified indigenous person."

Whereas Queen's University is in the process of consultation for a new campus alcohol policy  
Whereas the SGPS and our affiliate associations feel that the consultation process has been insufficient  
Whereas previous versions of the policy did not require a 'dry' orientation week for graduate and professional students

Whereas the university may now require a 'dry' orientation week for graduate and professional students  
Whereas No information was given for this change

**D. BIRT SGPS council not endorse the new university policy as written on alcohol and require more consultation with graduate and professional students. MOTION 19/10/04:8**

**E. Discussion Topic #1 - Council Restructuring**

Presentation by VPG Leo Erlichman

**F. Discussion Topic #2 - Feedback on Aurora**

Led by Leo Erlichman. Please refer to the following link <https://beyondprof.com/aurora/> for PhD students.



## Other Business

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**A. International Student Working Group**



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## **Notices of Motion & Announcements**

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### **A. Announcements on Open Positions**

There are a number of vacant positions the SPGS is hoping to fill including a Chief Elections Officer and Athletics Commissioner. Positions that are available can be accessed using the following link:  
<https://sgps.ca/jobs/>.



## **Adjournment**

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### **B. Adjournment**

**MOTION 19/10/04:9**

**BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.**