



Agenda

January 14th, 2020 - 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. Announcements

A. Moment of Silence

The SGPS would like to take a moment of silence to remember Queen's student Amir Moradi and other victims of the plane crash in Iran.



II. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 01/14/20:01

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



III. Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION 01/14/20:02

BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from the December 10th, 2019 General Council Meeting.



IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Jeremy Ambraska (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Leo Erlikhman (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Ryan Adlem (report attached)
- d. VP Finance & Services – Abel Hazon (oral report)
- e. VP Community – Uchitta Vashist (report attached)

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Laura Culleton (no report)

C. Approval

MOTION 01/14/20:03

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.



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

- A. **Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Courtney Bannerman (oral report)
- B. **Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – Leena Yahia (no report)
- C. **Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Athletics Commissioner – Quentin Tsang (oral report)
 - b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Penny Zhang (report attached)
 - c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Claudia Hirtenfelder (report attached)
 - d. Social Commissioner – Anthony Lomax (oral report)
- D. **Committee Reports**
- E. **Department Reports**
- F. **Other Reports**
 - a. University Rector – Alex da Silva (no report)
 - b. Chief Returning Officer – Matt Ireno (oral report)
 - c. Supervisor – position vacant (no report)
- G. **Approval** **MOTION 01/14/20:04**
BIRT SGPS Council approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.



VI. Question Period and Departmental Issues



VII. Business Arising from the Minutes



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VIII. Main Motions & Discussion

A. Referendum Questions

MOTION 01/14/20:05

BIRT the SGPS approves the placement of the following question on the 2020 General Election ballot to establish a mandatory fee for the SGPS Graduate Peer Support Centre.

“Do you agree to the establishment of a mandatory student fee of \$3.00 for the SGPS Graduate Peer Support Centre?”

MOTION 01/14/20:06

BIRT the SGPS approves the placement of the following questions on the 2020 General Election ballot to continue the mandatory student fee for the list of service providers below

- Ban Righ Centre
- Campus Observation Room
- Student Wellness Services

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of \$3.00 for Ban Righ Centre? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of \$0.50 for Campus Observation Room? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of a mandatory student fee of \$63.35 for Student Wellness Services? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

MOTION 01/14/20:07

BIRT the SGPS approves the placement of the following questions on the 2020 General Election ballot to continue the optional student fee for the list of service providers below.

- Camp Outlook
- HIV and AIDS Regional Services
- Levana Gender Advocacy Centre
- Oxfam Queen's
- Queen's Daycare
- Reelout Arts Project



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- Sexual Assault Centre Kingston
- Telephone Aid Line Kingston
- Union Gallery

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of \$1.00 for Camp Outlook? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of \$1.00 for HIV and AIDS Regional Services? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of \$1.00 for Queen's Daycare? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of \$1.80 for Reelout Arts Project? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of \$1.25 for Sexual Assault Centre Kingston? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of \$0.75 for Telephone Aid Line Kingston? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of \$3.00 for Union Gallery? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

MOTION 01/14/20:08

BIRT the SGPS approves the placement of the following questions on the 2020 General Election ballot to continue the student fee* for the list of service providers below.

- Centre for Teaching and Learning
- Legal Aid

“Do you agree to the continuation of a student fee* of \$1.40 for Centre for Teaching & Learning? This fee is subject to triennial review. *Note: the status of the student fee may be optional or mandatory to be compliant with the results of the government appeal in the Student Choice Initiative. If you agree to this fee, the fee will continue to apply notwithstanding the results of the appeal.”

“Do you agree to the continuation of a student fee* of \$5.00 for Queen’s Legal Aid? This fee is subject to triennial review. *Note: the status of the student fee may be optional or mandatory to be compliant



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with the results of the government appeal in the Student Choice Initiative. If you agree to this fee, the fee will continue to apply notwithstanding the results of the appeal.”

MOTION 01/14/20:09

BIRT the SGPS approves the placement of the following questions on the 2020 General Election ballot for executive candidates.

“Do you agree to the acclamation of Justine Aman to the position of President of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen’s University?”

“Please select the individual you wish to elect as Vice-President Graduate of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen’s University:

Courtney Bannerman
Rohit Shukla”

B. Modification of Election Timeline

MOTION 01/14/20:10

WHEREAS the SGPS previously agreed upon the 2020 General Election Timeline.

WHEREAS the VP Community and VP Finance and Services positions have no candidates nominated.

BIRT the SGPS approves the extension of the nomination period for these TWO POSITIONS ONLY and thus, BIFRT the SGPS approves the modification of the original election timeline to allow for this extension.

The all candidates meeting will be this Friday instead of Wednesday and campaigning period would start at 12:01am on January 18th 2020.

C. SGPS Supports QBACC

MOTION 01/14/20:11

WHEREAS QBACC is preparing to ask the University to undertake divestment of its Endowment and Investment funds.

BIRT the SGPS supports QBACC’s initiative to divest from fossil fuels.



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D. SGPS Commits to Divestment

MOTION 01/14/20:12

BIRT the SGPS is committed to divesting from companies whose main focus is the extraction, transportation, or refinement of fossil fuels.



VI. Other Business



X. Notices of Motion & Announcements

A. Tricolour Award Selection Committee

The Rector is looking for someone to sit on the Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award Selection Committee.

Here is a brief outline of what someone can expect by volunteering to assist in this capacity:

- They will be volunteering for the weekend of February 1 – 2, the specific hours will be finalized once nomination period closes on the 20th so the volunteer must be someone available all day Saturday and all day Sunday
- We will have a brief prep meeting the week leading up to interviews where the committee will decide on this year's interview questions and discuss the procedures for the weekend
- They will be sitting in on interviews for every person who has accepted a nomination and at the conclusion of these interviews deliberating and selecting this year's recipients
- I will feed them! Good food! All weekend! Free food!
- They'll get to make a new friend from every single faculty on campus! We love interfaculty relations!
- They become acquainted with and inspired by some of the most impactful and dedicated student leaders on our campus!

If you would like to volunteer to be a member of the selection committee, please notify the rector at rector@queens.ca



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Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.