



Agenda

March 10th, 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. Presentation by Terry Soleas

Here to present the findings of the Graduate and Professional Student Wellness Study and to request distribution of the survey again.



II. Adoption of the Agenda

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MOTION 03/10/20:01

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the March 10th, 2020 Council Meeting.



III. Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION 03/10/20:02

BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from the February 11th, 2020 Council Meeting.



IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

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

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Laura Culleton (oral report)

C. Approval

MOTION 03/10/20:03

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 – (no report)
- C. Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Athletics Commissioner – Quentin Tsang (oral report)
 - b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Penny Zhang (report attached)
 - c. Indigenous Graduate Liason – Paige Van Tassel (report attached)
 - d. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Claudia Hirtenfelder (report attached)
 - e. Social Commissioner – Anthony Lomax (report attached)
- D. Committee Reports**
- E. Department Reports**
- F. Other Reports**
 - a. University Rector – Alex da Silva (no report)
 - b. Chief Returning Officer - (no report)
 - c. Supervisor – position vacant (no report)
- G. Approval** **MOTION 03/10/20:04**
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. Salary Amendments

Whereas the SGPS executive changed the job expectations and de-scoped the commissions due to the Student Choice Initiative

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative will not be enforced in 2020-2012

BIRT the SGPS amend the following salaries accordingly and return the commissions to full operational capacity **MOTION 03/10/20:05**

Leo MOVES

Jeremy SECONDS

B.10.1 Stipends

a. Stipends are paid monthly, with the total amount paid over the term of responsibility being as follows:

- (1) President \$15,500.00
- (2) Vice Presidents \$12,000.00
- (3) Peer Academic Advisors \$6,000.00
- (4) Commissioners ~~\$3,000.00~~ \$6,000.00
- (5) Officers \$6,000.00
- (6) Peer Student Support Shift Leaders \$6,000.00
- (7) Deputy Commissioners \$1,500.00
- (8) Speaker \$4,000.00
- (9) Deputy Speaker ~~\$500.00~~ \$2,000
- (10) Chief Returning Officer ~~\$600.00~~ \$1,000

b. At the conclusion of their terms, an \$8000.00 fellowship provided by the School of Graduate Studies is distributed amongst all Members of the Executive who are Graduate Students.

B.10.2 Honoraria

a. Honoraria are paid at the conclusion of a term in office. In the instances of multiple year positions, the amount is paid annually, after each complete year and one final payment at the conclusion of the term.

b. The amounts for honoraria are as follows:

- (1) Student Senators \$200.00
- (2) Graduate Student Trustee \$200.00



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c. In order to receive an honorarium all eligible persons must submit a report to each council meeting. Each report that is not submitted to council will result in a 50% forfeiture of the honorarium amount.

B. Changes to Bylaw 5.1 “Members of Council.”

MOTION 03/10/20:06

Whereas bylaw 4.2 outlines specific criteria for membership in recognized groups.

Whereas bylaw 4.2 further outlines the requirement of members to be elected to council from a recognized group.

Whereas the SGPS executive began a review of the structure of council in 2018-2019.

BIRT SGPS council adopt the following changes to bylaw 5.1 “Members of Council.”

Leo MOVES

Jeremy SECONDS

B.5.1 Members of Council

a. The Members of Council [Members of Council] include:

- (1) One representative from each Recognized Group with fewer than 100 Ordinary Members;
- (2) Two representatives from each Recognized Group with 101-300 Ordinary Members;
- (3) Three representatives from each Recognized Group with 301-500 Ordinary Members;
- (4) Four representatives from each Recognized Group with more than 500 Ordinary Members;

~~(1) One Aboriginal Student Representative;~~

~~(1) One International Student Representative;~~

~~(1) One Mature Student Representative;~~

~~(1) One Part-time Student Representative;~~

(5) The Executive;

~~(1) All Senators who are members of the SGPS;~~

~~(1) The Graduate Student Trustee;~~

~~(1) The Director, who shall not vote;~~

~~(1) The Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, who shall not vote;~~

(6) The Speaker (or Deputy Speaker in the absence of the Speaker), who shall not vote except in the case of a tie;

~~(1) The Chief Returning Officer, who shall not vote; and~~

~~(1) The Queen’s Clubs Officer, who shall not vote.~~

b. The Executive, Officers and Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners will fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in the SGPS Bylaws and Policies.

c. The number of representatives to which each Recognized Group is entitled will be updated annually by the Speaker based on the most recent ~~November full-time equivalent~~ Queen’s



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University graduate and professional enrollment ~~count and reported for information to Council~~ ~~at the~~ numbers to be reported by the Vice President Graduate to the April Meeting of Council. The revised number of representatives shall take effect on the following September 1st.

d. Notice of receipt of election for new councillors is to be provided to The Speaker or The Chief Returning Officer (who shall report to the speaker) in accordance with By-Law 4.2 (c).

(1) Receipts of election shall require a registered ballot roll of all Ordinary Members within the Recognized Group certifying an election of 50%+1 of Ordinary Members.

(2) Recognized Groups may choose to independently run elections for councillors or conduct elections through The Chief Returning Officer.

d. 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 Alma Mater Society, but shall not vote;

(2) The University Rector, who shall not vote;

(3) The Graduate Student Trustee, who shall not vote;

(4) All Senators who are members of the SGPS, who shall not vote;

(5) The Commissioners, who shall not vote;

(6) Officers of the SGPS, who shall note vote; and

(7) The Chief Returning Office, who shall not vote.

C. Motion to Form the SGPS Awards Committee

BIRT the SGPS Council approves the formation of an SGPS Awards Committee lead by the Social Commissioner **MOTION 03/10/20:07**

This year the SGPS will be giving out four awards: the SGPS Student Contribution Award; the SGPS Staff Excellence Award; the SGPS John G. Freeman Faculty Excellence Award; and the SGPS Teaching Assistant/Teaching Fellow Excellence Award.

The deadline for nominations will be on **Wednesday March 18th 2020 at 11:59pm**. Applications are submitted online at the SGPS website. For eligibility and more information, students can visit <https://sgps.ca/sgps-awards/>.

Additionally, we are also looking for SGPS members to sit on the awards committee, which will meet in the latter half of March to decide who gets awards. If anyone would like to be on that committee, they can email Anthony at social@sgps.ca.

D. Discussion Item – JDUC Development

Leo will speak to this.



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E. Discussion Item – Graduate Lounge Space

Leo will speak to this.



VI. Other Business



X. Notices of Motion & Announcements

A. Open Positions – Speaker and Deputy Speaker

Speaker

The role of the Speaker is to ensure the orderly flow of business, defend the rights of the Councillors through implementing and interpreting Robert's rules of order, while always maintaining impartiality and never participating in the debates. This is a salaried position that pays \$4,000 per year.

Interested candidates must send a written statement 500 word biography to the SGPS Speaker before 4:00 pm on Tuesday April 7th. Candidates will also be required to attend April Council on Tuesday April 14th at 5:30pm in the McLaughlin Room on the 2nd floor of the JDUC.

The candidates will be required to make a brief statement explaining their qualifications for the role, Council will then vote to determine the next Speaker.

Deputy Speaker

The Deputy Speaker is supervised by the Speaker and is responsible for chairing Council and General Meetings in the absence of the Speaker; taking minutes at each Council meeting (typically one per month) and each General Meeting (typically 2 per year); maintaining an official list of current Council members; distributing and familiarizing them with Robert's Rules of Order and ensuring they attend meetings. This is a salaried position which pays \$500 per year.

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Adjournment

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MOTION 03/10/20:08

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.