



Agenda
May 12th, 2020 - 5:30pm
Zoom

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



II. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 05/12/20:01

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the May 12th, 2020 Council Meeting.

Michael Dungey moves, Mandheep Gabhi seconds. None opposed, passes unanimously.



III. Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION 05/12/20:02

BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from the April 14th, 2020 Council Meeting.

Anthony Lomax moves, Samantha Boyko seconds. None opposed, passes unanimously.



IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Justine Aman (report attached)

Justine

- Things move quickly so need to chat quickly verbally about some things.

-Office hours Tuesday at noon, if questions drop in to those virtually to chat. Email president@sgps.ca for details or questions.



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-Recently, as you all know, many unis have released plans for reopening. Meeting with provosot Mark Green; sounds like a plan should be coming, not sure when that is, but did press for details regarding grad students and professional students and whether they had to come to campus, if they choose. If the class is small enough, do they have to?

-Recently attended board of trustees; one ask was to increase involvement because <grad students have been> shut out over a lot of decision-making groups <in regards to> reopening.

-Invited to campus operations group dividing up tasks to reopen things across campus as allowed.

-One thing that came out of Board of Trustees meeting was my ask for continued support for students in light of the failures when looking at tuition and fees and service.

-Looking for movement on things like bus and ARC fee; will make sure to keep everyone updated. Always asking for tuition reduction and wavers.

-Finally, note about council report forms. They are in the form of a fillable form. That is a form for you to fill so we can rewrite our list of council members and makes sure you're a SGPS member consistent with SCI rules; if you opted out, we need to make sure we're following rules and you're not permitted if you opted out. If you are new or taking over, everyone should be filling out these forms.

-No questions.

b. VP Graduate – Courtney Bannerman (report attached)

Courtney

-Not much to add to the report but happy to speak to questions.

-One thing left to add: Hoping to meet with Dean of grad studies about grad students who had to extend studies due to COVID and have now reached end of their funding and will not be funded for extra semester. If you or someone are in that position, email at VP email account <vp.graduate@sgps.ca> so she has an idea of how broad this issue is, that would be great.

-No questions.

c. VP Professional – John Jeyarantnam (report attached)



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John not in attendance. No questions.

- d. VP Finance & Services – Tamara Mitterer (report attached)

Tamara not in attendance. No questions.

- e. VP Community – Anthony Lomax (report attached)

Anthony

-Not much to add to the report written. Being doing a lot of work with commissioners for training. The list of events heard from commissioners is inspiring. Having another meeting tomorrow, finalized year plans by end of May.

-Working on planning an executive commissioner joint meeting first week of June.

-Other than that, planning orientation. If anyone has community partners, clubs, events that would be good please email me; email is in my report. I think that's actually enough for me, thanks everyone.

-No questions.

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Mary Rita Holland (oral report)

Mary Rita Holland

-I didn't provide a written report, wanted to give a little intro. So...my name is Mary Rita Holland, I am a 3rd year kin<esiology> and health studies PhD student. I have practical experience in politics and governance. I've done a lot of work provincially, municipal, Kings court district. I've done committee work, chaired on a number of occasions, co-chaired the mayors' task force on housing. I'm familiar with getting people together to work towards a common goal and do the business that is required of the organization.

-My grad work is ongoing; I have a daughter who is 13 so it is taking some time. I'm excited to work with a group of grad students.

-Goals for this term, being speaker: Facilitate work of council to make sure everything runs smoothly, and everyone is included/knows how to contribute to a meeting, because sometimes there are barriers, even if we don't notice them. We think people who take part in the organization care about governance, but we need to hear from everyone and want to look at barriers and how to break those



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down. We can always do more to make sure people have their voices heard. My hope is to contribute in that way and by contributing on the by-law and policy, with feedback from all of you we can continue to improve on the work of council and make sure everyone feels engaged. Please continue to send comments and feedback, I really appreciate it. My email is speaker@sgps.ca; if you don't feel comfortable participating or speaking at council, I want to hear from you too.

-No questions.

C. Approval

MOTION 05/12/20:03

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

Michael Dungey moves, Ross Denny-Jiles seconds. None opposed, passes unanimously



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

A. Senator Report – Graduate Student Senator – Courtney Bannerman (report attached)

Courtney

-Hello, it's me again. My report details everything since last senate. There will be another happening in May, which doesn't usually happen, but you will hear about that in August when we reconvene.

-No questions.

B. Trustee Report – Graduate Student Trustee – (no report)

C. Commissioner Reports

- a. Athletics & Wellness Commissioner – Madison Danford (report attached)

Madison

-Hey this is my first council meeting so I'm excited to be here. I don't have a lot to add outside of my report; I've been working on running club (23 members), we initiated the going the distance challenge. Person who logs highest number of km gets a gift card. Working on challenges for different months and working with other commissioners.

-No questions.



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b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Fikir Haile (report attached)

Fikir

-Hi everyone, my name is Fifi, I am equity and diversity commissioner for this year. If you have questions, suggestions, feedback, I'm happy to accept those. As mentioned by Anthony and others, <we are?> working on a plan for the upcoming year. Lots of exciting meetings with Anthony and other commissioners about upcoming plans for the year. Happy to take any questions or feedback.

-No questions.

c. Indigenous Graduate Liason – Paige Van Tassel (report attached)

Paige

-Hello.

-I have nothing to report aside from my written report, just to welcome incoming commissioners and executive. Happy summer.

-No questions.

d. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Claudia Hirtenfelder (report attached)

Claudia

-Hi everyone, I'm happy to be joining for a second year. Want to echo what Paige said, welcoming everyone, even though everything is going crazy outside everyone feels energized and ready in SGPS.

-Hope to continue initiatives from last year like podcast, international student network, if you have anyone from dept who is international, please let me know it'll help to build up network. Huge thanks to Alzara Rahid and Matonay for winning scholarships, they were well deserved. Big congratulations to those two for winning their awards.

-<We are> continuing <the> beyond Canada podcast: The aim is to talk to either international students with international research, or domestic <students> with international research or collaboration. If you've been impacted by covid <in terms of research>, it's low key and a good opportunity to chat about your work. Send me an email to me

-It was in my report but thanks to ppl working for advocacy, Jana Sahin and Johit Revy who are flagging what needs to be done for international students across the campus. Thanks for that too.



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-No questions.

- e. Social Commissioner – Rose Conlin (report attached)

Rose

-Hello, I hope <you> all are doing well. Not much to add on top of other reports but there will be a lot more confirmed after tomorrow, which is exciting. Looking forward to meeting all of you either here or in person, whenever that might be.

-No questions.

D. Committee Reports

E. Department Reports

F. Other Reports

- a. University Rector – Sam Hiemstra (report attached)

Sam

- I hope everyone is doing well. I transitioned into role of rector. So everyone knows, I am the representative on <the> board of trustees. <I am> going into 4th year of undergrad so not a grad student, but looking forward to going through reports to make sure <I am> advocating properly; happy to take questions.

Mary Rita

-Look forward to getting to know you as well.

-No questions.

- b. Chief Returning Officer – Matt Ireneo (report attached)

-CRO not present. No questions.

- c. Supervisor – position vacant (no report)

G. Approval

MOTION 02/11/20:04

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

Mary Rita

-Does anyone have any burning questions?

-No questions.



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Samantha Boyko moves, Mandheep Gabhi seconds. None opposed, passes unanimously.



VI. Question Period and Departmental Issues



VII. Business Arising from the Minutes



VIII. Main Motions & Discussion

A. Approval

MOTION 05/12/20:05

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Proposed Council Meeting Schedule

Mary Rita

-There is a motion, but first we're going to do any general comments or questions on this. I don't think anyone wants to speak, but if you do, standard procedure is no meetings during the summer.

Jordan Nensi

-<In Zoom Chat> What time are meetings?

MR

-Always at 5:30pm

-We do have an either/or for dates

Anthony Lomax

-I was thinking the 15th of September would be better because of orientation.

Mandheep Gabhi



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-<In Zoom chat> Can we table this until next meeting?

MR

-No, we can't table it.

-Are there issues with the 15th for anyone? I am going to look at questions in the chat.

-It looks like there could be conflicts with orientation so <the 15th> seems practical for now, but <that> could change in the future, if we need that. Keep in mind that meetings will likely be online for the summer and probably for the fall.

AL

-I would say the only other thing about that is that the September meeting might not be super well attended anyway because people won't have decided on new representatives by then.

MR

-Seeing no objections, we will put September 15th as a recommendation.

-There is another chance to speak here if you'd like.

-BIRT that SGPS Council approve the Proposed Council Meeting Schedule

-Keep in mind that there can be future changes, it's just to make sure that everyone is available and has it in their calendar.

-So, I'm not seeing any further questions with that.

Anthony Lomax moves, Matthew Senyshen seconds.

MR

-If you are opposed, please raise your hand.

None opposed, passes unanimously.



Other Business



Notices of Motion & Announcements



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Adjournment

A. Adjournment

MOTION 02/11/20:07

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

Mandheep Gabhi moves, Matthew Senyshen seconds. None opposed, passes unanimously.