



Hello Council,

I cannot believe that I am already writing this August report, it feels like just yesterday that I started my term and abruptly had to shift to a remote format. I want to say a huge thank you to all council members and SGPS staff for working with the new reality and adjusting to serve the students to the best of your abilities!

Within my role to say that there has been a learning curve in this position would be an understatement; it is an endless learning cliff. I thrive when I can engage with students and my fellow leaders and want to reiterate to everyone that my (virtual) door is always open. I want to serve the SGPS to the best of my abilities and am always open and responsive to critiques or feedback. Please reach out if there is any platform, idea, or initiative your departments would like the team to advocate for and we can start that dialogue.

I hope that everyone has been receiving my bi-weekly updates where I touch base on the highlights of the previous two weeks and provide updates on hot topics. Please note there may be some duplicated information in this report as I still want to send an update to the students but I have included a few more nuanced details.

Library Access

This has been a huge point of frustration between myself and the administration. I meet with the Academic Operations Group once per week (minimum) where everything from research space, offices, library space, online/ remote delivery models, etc. are discussed. Although I voice very strongly each week that the need for Graduate and Professional student working space is needed, I am faced with responses that make clear the lack of understanding of what it means to be a student. I am often rebutted with comments about how “internet problems seem to be a common excuse” or “we need to make sure students aren’t just saying that to get on campus”. The timeline for this space to open is unacceptable and I have made the disapproval of SGPS known. I recently had a personal meeting with Donna Janiec (VP Finance and Admin) who assured me she would have a chat with the group to ensure that when they say this is a priority, they actually treat it as a priority. As it stands today (August 4th) I was told that the initial 22 seats in the library would be open by tomorrow; after this additional space will become available on a stage by stage basis.

Degree Extensions

In addition to concerns surrounding tuition rates and fees for remote delivery the executive was approached by several students and representatives about the potential cost of degree extensions due to COVID. As of right now, SGS has not released this information, but there is a plan in place to help students who may be faced with this issue. Some highlights include: students who were previously expected to have submitted thesis by August 31st can provide extensions to October 31st and will qualify for a full refund of fall tuition. Individual departments are being encouraged to work with students on a needs-basis to potentially provide additional funding where possible. Graduate programs can provide extensions to international and domestic students meeting certain criteria (please reach out if you would like to talk more on this) with qualifying

International students being assessed domestic-equivalent status for assessing tuition. The SGS has no plan to communicate these opportunities to students so I will be releasing the policy document once it is approved so students know what supports they can ask for!

Anti-Racism Work

During the second half of July many SGPS Executive and Commissioners have been involved in a number of Equity initiatives. One specific initiative is to gather all statements from the Principal, Provost, Rector, and Dean of SGS and place them on our website. We are also collecting a decade worth of reports and marking them up to make clear what recommendations were never addressed. It is our hope that by keeping these statements and reports in an easy to access place there will be a reduction of labor to students looking to hold the Administration accountable and that these offices will be faced with their previous empty promises when crafting new statements.

Student Fees

As many of you know, the reduced fee slate for SGPS has been released on our website. It was the decision of the Executive to assess these fees at three separate occasions to ensure we are not charging for services that we can not provide. Firstly we did some guesswork and reduced fees that will be initially assessed to student accounts, secondly we will see how well we estimated reductions in service and make additional reductions (as needed) mid-September, and thirdly we will retroactively look our year mid-February and reduce further if necessary. We worked with the Speaker at the beginning of May to ensure we were following protocol and that there would be no negative repercussions to services (ie. issues increasing fees back to baseline next year). Due to the emergency nature of these changes, we were able to reduce these fees for a one year period without groups having to go to referendum to increase their fees back to normal next year (unless they were already set to go to referendum). No fees were increased and at no point will we ask for more money if we miraculously are able to shift back to normal operations. All groups impacted by these changes were consulted and the reductions were the decisions of individual departments, the Executive did not make any changes to any programming fees we are not involved with.

Thank you all again for your continued work on behalf of the SGPS, this year is going to be uniquely challenging and I cannot wait to face these obstacles with such a strong team by my side.

Yours in Health and Wellness,



Justine Aman
SPGS President



Good evening everyone!

I hope you were all able to take some time to yourselves this summer and relax. A lot has happened these past couple months, I've summarized it below but please reach out if you would like any more detail on anything.

1. **Tuition, stipends, and time to completion:** Unfortunately, despite our letter-writing campaign and pressure on the administration, the university was unwilling to waive or reduce summer tuition. Many students are now finding themselves needing to extend their degrees due to their inability to access their research materials. They may have also reached the end of their funding. There are two options available to students who find themselves in this situation. The first is to apply to have their stipend extended and pay tuition. Graduate program coordinators are handling the application process. Please reach out to them to start the application process. The second option is to have their degree completed by October 31st and not have to pay fall tuition. In previous years students had to have their degrees completed by September 31st not to be charged tuition.
2. **The library and librarian:** As the library is not currently open, Queen's is offering curbside pickup and scanning services for their print collections. Information on these services is located on the library's website. Queen's is also in the process of hiring a new Vice Provost and University Librarian, of which I am one of the hiring committee members. The library and library collections are vital to many student's research and work. I am in the process of setting up consultations with graduate students who are frequent library users. If you or anyone you know has any opinions about qualities or skills the future VPUL should have, please reach out to me at vp.graduate@sgps.ca
3. **The GPSC and the PAAs:** The SGPS's peer academic advisors are available and ready to help students dealing with academic concerns. If you hear of anyone who is dealing with any academic challenges and needs someone to help them navigate these challenges, please reach out to the PAAs. The graduate peer support center is also now up and running via Zoom on Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3 to 9 PM and Fridays by appointment. Our volunteers are here to listen and support our students going through a range of challenges!
4. **Alcohol Policy at Queen's:** The alcohol policy has been approved. A relevant section I would like to draw your attention to is section 2.1, where it states "Orientation Week events for all students are required to be dry and substance-free, meaning that events and activities associated with Orientation Week on campus and those off-campus Sanctioned Events are not permitted to provide, serve, or encourage the consumption of alcohol or substances such as cannabis. In limited circumstances, a Dean may, in consultation with the Executive Director, Risk & Safety Services, approve an exception to this section for graduate and second entry program events." I have limited information about how these exceptions will be given to graduate and professional programs. If you are part of a program that is planning an orientation event with alcohol available, please contact me ASAP.
5. **Courses this coming year:** Many courses have been moved online due to COVID. If students are allowed to attend classes in person, recordings of the lectures will be made available to those who are not able to attend.

6. **Graduate and Professional student mentorship opportunity:** I'm excited to announce that the SGPS is partnering up with the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society to provide an online networking and mentorship event in October tailored towards upper-year students interested in graduate school and continuing their education. Graduate and professional students will be partnered up and share knowledge, experience, and wisdom with undergraduate students from a variety of backgrounds. This is an opportunity for upper-year students to have their questions answered, networks created, and connections made. If you are interested in mentoring, please fill out the google form! <https://forms.gle/8mg3VZn9yzve3wAa6>

I hope you all will be able to enjoy the last bit of summer!

Cheers

Courtney Bannerman



Dear Council,

I hope everyone is doing well during these unprecedented times. The SGPS executive have been working remotely to prepare for the upcoming school year, while providing resources and services throughout the summer.

Orientation

The SGPS is looking to co-ordinate with professional study programs to deliver a synchronized orientation experience for new and returning students to the campus. As such, the delivery will be altered to fit this new social existence we have been embedded in. Regardless, we have many socially distanced activities for students to participate in remotely. A list of such activities can be found on our website.

In-Person Attendance

Although the majority of classes will be offered remotely, some professional programs, including Law, will require students to attend in-person. The requirement to attend in-person will only be for a specific number of courses, where remote administration may not be feasible. The SGPS is inquiring into these faculties plan for safe in-person attendance. Most students tend to vent their frustrations on social media, or to their respective faculties' student unions. However, I want to emphasize that the SGPS is here to hear your concerns and more than willing to convey any thoughts or questions to the appropriate administrative body.

Advocacy Campaign

The troubling history of violence against minorities both in the United States and Canada has been brought to the forefront over the summer. We at the SGPS have had long discussion on our stance and the initiatives we are taking. So far we have begun a campaign to make visible and bring attention to the anti-Indigenous and anti-black racism that has permeated in the Queen's campus. Our website will be publishing a history of reports, letters, statements, etc. that have been made by the university.

The SGPS takes inclusion and diversity very seriously. We are looking into other ways we can make students feel welcome and safe on campus. There have been a number of ideas presented during executive meetings to make sure safety is enhanced on campus. If there are any ideas for measures the SGPS can take, please contact me at vp.professional@sgps.com

Best,

John Jeyaratnam



Dear Council,

It's been an interesting summer to say the least. The SGPS commissioners and executive have been busy working on many projects. I'm going to draw your attention to a few of them here.

Redesigned Orientation

As your commissioner team, we have designed a virtual orientation that allows us all to stay safe while hopefully getting the chance to meet new people and engage meaningfully during these weird times. I'm really proud and excited by the events we've come up with. These events are not just tailored to first-year students, but also returning students – many of these events go beyond just light “orientation” fare to also discuss important ideas, and a few are also orientations to some great series that we will be starting for all of our students. The full roster can be found right on the <https://sgps.ca/> homepage under “Orientation Week Schedule.” *Since social distancing is making promotion of these events even trickier, we are relying on you as councilors to get the word out to people in your programs, departments, and faculties.* We really need to work together on communication due to the siloed nature of Queen's to make sure as many people in your units know about these events as possible! If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please email me!

The logistics of orientation have needed to shift due to the pandemic. For instance, you will notice that we have events happening during the day as well as the evening to try and account for differences in time zones. We will be recording many of the events in case folks cannot attend at the given time. We have tried to consider as many factors as possible while adapting to this new reality, but if you've noticed anything that we've overlooked I'd be happy to hear from you.

Since the other members of the commissioner team will likely discuss the orientation events they will be leading in their reports, I will just discuss the one that I'm running in more detail here:

Museum Mashup

Friday, September 11, 10:30am-12:00pm

There are many archives in the Kingston/Katarokwi region, whether in your apartment or in museums. During Museum Mashup, we will hear from a variety of curators in the Kingston area about some of their favourite archived items and why they are passionate about the museums they work in. We will also hear about other museums, galleries, and historic sites in the area from our friends at the Kingston Association of Museum, Art Galleries, and Historic Sites. Finally, we will introduce an exciting series of museum-related events that we will be hosting this academic year, during which you can share some of your archived items with us and learn more about different locations in the area!

Advocacy Campaign

As an executive/commissioner team, we have been working on a campaign where we are making public the history of Queen's inaction on racism, acknowledging in particular anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism which, as noted in the PICRDI report, are the most predominantly marginalized communities on our campus. We are doing this by publishing a history of reports, letters, statements, etc. that have been made by the university on our website. This work is currently under progress and will be ongoing. We hope to have something initial posted by mid-August. As part of this work, I have contacted CFS to see if this might become more of a national or provincial campaign. I will keep you updated. I

personally believe this is a great first step toward the SGPS doing more campaign work on behalf of our students. If you have campaign ideas, or would like us to help promote your campaign, please feel free to email me anytime.

Canadian Federation of Students

There is an upcoming Ontario General Meeting for the Canadian Federation of Students that I will be attending from August 26-28. If there are issues that you would like this national student advocacy body to be aware of, please let me know. The CFS also has a great list of campaigns running currently, you can follow the Ontario branch and the national branch through their websites and social media accounts. Among other important work, they will be releasing a mental health toolkit that will enable us to evaluate mental health resources on our campus soon.

Thanks for your time and service,

Anthony Lomax



Society of Graduate and Professional Students
Report of the Graduate Student Senator
August 2020

Hello everyone!

The role of the Graduate Student Senator is a quiet one during the summer term. I have been checking in with the Senate Governance and nominating committee on their recommendation for increasing the number of Graduate Student Senators. I have been informed that I will have a response during the fall term. I hope that during the January elections, we will have three spots to elect senators!

Cheers

Courtney Bannerman



Dear Council,

I hope you all had a great summer and looking forward to the upcoming term.

Throughout the summer, the SGPS Running Club has successfully grown to 35 active members. It began with monthly challenges: *Going the Distance in May*, where members worked towards tracking the most kilometers throughout the month. The winner received a \$25 gift card to The Running Room. The next month's challenge was *PBNJ* (Personal Best in June). Members posted their goal for a personal best at the beginning of the month and worked towards completing it. The winner was drawn at random receiving a \$25 gift card to The Running Room. From here, I worked at establishing a relationship and partnership with the Queen's ARC. Through this partnership, we created and now implementing the Summer Virtual Running Series. This entails various active challenge weekends, Monday Motivation Zoom meetings, weekly active challenges and overall, a running community. The Running Club and Running Series will be carrying on into the fall with new active challenges. This partnership has helped with advertising the SGPS Running and Active Club, along with creating a relationship for future events I will be running this year.

Additionally, I have been busy planning *Physical Distancing Physical Activity at Queen's* Orientation Week event in partnership with the Queen's ARC. This free registered event will be held via Zoom Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 4pm ET (being recorded and posted following the event for accessibility proposes). Members from the ARC, myself and potentially current SGPS Running Club members will speak about the various ways we can stay physically active this semester while still maintaining the physical distancing protocols. Following the panel, a registered fitness instructor from the ARC will lead a virtual group exercise class for all abilities and skill level requiring no equipment for 20 minutes. This will be followed by a brief Q&A, as we expect many will have questions as to how the ARC and the SGPS activities/events will be running this semester due to COVID-19. This event will advertise the rest of the semesters events I have planned, along with the ARC's fitness classes, that will eventually be held in person with restrictions, the gym and weight room access, along with continuation of the virtual portal fitness classes.

Another partnership I have created throughout the summer is with a group from Faith and Spiritual Life. In turn, this partnership has resulted in creating *SGPS Cooks with Grammas* where local Grammas will lead and instruct virtual cooking classes to SGPS members. Traditionally, these events run in-person cooking classes through Faith and Spiritual Life, however, this semester we will hosting this event monthly via Zoom. The group has held numerous practice and trial sessions throughout the summer to ensure this is an event they feel comfortable with leading. The first *SGPS Cooks with Grammas* event will be held Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 5pm ET (being recorded and posted following the event for accessibility proposes). Free registration will be required, followed by an ingredient list and instructions being sent out to participants minimum two weeks prior. This is a new event this year and I hope will help bring a 'family feel' to both the Grammas and SGPS members. The in-person cooking classes have been successful in the past, and I hope the virtual classes can be just as successful and fun for all participating. During this time of social distancing, I am hopeful these classes can offer a fun opportunity that is both beneficial for the Grammas and the participants, as we cook and enjoy a meal virtually together.

I am excited for all the upcoming events and as always, please feel free to contact me (athletics@sgps.ca) with any suggestions, questions, or comments about these or other events.

Sincerely,

Madison Danford
Athletics and Wellness Commissioner, SGPS



Dear Council,

I hope everyone managed to enjoy the summer!

To say that we are living through unprecedented times would be quite an understatement. In the span of a few months, we have experienced a devastating global pandemic, its massive economic fallout, and a global uprising the likes of which we have never seen before. All of these events have highlighted and exacerbated existing inequalities and require us to take significant steps to engage with equity and diversity work in our communities. As the Equity and Diversity Commissioner, I have been working in collaboration with SGPS executives and commissioners to take these steps in meaningfully engaging with equity and diversity demands in the upcoming year. To this end, myself, Paige, the Indigenous Graduate Student Liaison and Claudia, the International Commissioner have been working throughout the summer to establish a campus-wide graduate student equity network. We want to build a network that will enable graduate students to come together to share, amplify and address the equity-related challenges they face at Queen's. We will be reaching out to all departments with more details about this network shortly. In the meantime, if you would like to get involved in this project, have questions about the work we are doing or have ideas for projects, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I have also been busy over the summer preparing orientation materials and planning events. I took part in the **Know Your Services** video series designed to help incoming graduate and professional students orientate themselves to various services available at Queen's. In a video titled **Identifying Equity Spaces**, I unpack the resources available on campus and in Kingston for students looking for equity spaces and services at Queens. While designed with new graduate students in mind, this is a helpful resource for continuing graduate students as well. The complete series is available on the School of Graduate Studies website. Additionally, I have been working on designing a virtual scavenger hunt for Orientation week titled "**Grad School in the Time of Corona**". This event, set to take place on September 13, 2020, aims to bring new and continuing Queen's graduate students together to share your favorite quarantine memes, identify resources and discover the Queen's campus all from the comfort of your home. More details will be forthcoming.

With most on-campus activities suspended for the fall semester, virtual service-delivery will be the norm for the foreseeable future. As such, I am planning numerous virtual activities for the fall semester, including a **Movement Series** in collaboration with Madison, the Athletics commissioner, a **Movie Night Series** and **Open Forum Discussions**. Additional details for these events will be announced ASAP. If there are any events or projects you would like to see, please let me know. Now and always, I am open to any questions, comments, or suggestions. Please do not hesitate to get in touch at equity@sgps.ca

I hope you are taking care of yourself, your health and wellbeing as we set our sights on the start of the new semester.

All the best,

Fikir (Fifi) Haile
Equity and Diversity Commissioner 2020-2021



Dear Council,

I hope your summer has been fruitful and relaxing despite the ongoing pandemic. I am disheartened to hear about the recent hateful acts at Four Directions Indigenous Student Center and it is for this reason I have decided to postpone some of the events that were proposed in the May 2020 report such as Cultural Safety training and SAGE/SGPS indigenous graduate student experience survey. However, these acts will not tarnish my drive and ambition to create a safe and welcoming place for indigenous students. I remain hopeful and in good spirits as 4D increases security measures to protect one of the few indigenous spaces on campus.

Here is an update on the projects I have been working over the summer to better serve the Indigenous graduate student community and wider Queen's and Kingston community.

1. Orientation Event

Title: What's in a place? Discussing Land Acknowledgement with the SGPS Indigenous Graduate Liaison

Event description: Join Paige Van Tassel and fellow anishinaabekwe, Taylor Tye, on **September 8th at 11am** for a one hour Zoom webinar as they explore what it means to acknowledge, respect, and engage with the land and place that Queen's University occupies. Send in questions to when you register for the event or attend the Q and A session that follows a land acknowledgement video premiere made by students. Click the following link to register:

<https://sgps.click/090720>

2. Indigenous Reads Talking Circle

For the summer, there was considerable interest in the Indigenous Reads Talking circle which was held bi-weekly from May 21st to July 30th with 1.5 hour of discussion of 5 articles written by indigenous professors, students, and allies in Canada. The articles had themes surrounding 5 R's of indigenous research, ways of knowing and pedagogy, and theory vs practice in a western institution. The reviews for the summer were very positive and well received and all participants look forward to the fall session.

The circle will continue **September 24th, 2020 at 4pm** with a welcome back social that will take place remotely via Microsoft teams to discuss plans for the fall semester. Please contact indigenous@sgps.ca if you would like to join the circle.

3. Cultural Safety and Anti Oppression Training

I will be working with Laura Maracle to create a training session that will be mandatory for the SGPS staff and optional for the SGPS council members geared towards learning about the incidents and historical treatment and relationships with indigenous people at Queen's University and in Kingston. The training session is expected to take place in **November 2020** and will take place over three days, two hours each day for 6 hours in total. A separate part of the training will include anti-oppression training which I will be working on with the Equity and Diversity Commissioner, Fifi Haile.

4. Indigenous graduate student experience survey (SELF IDENTIFIED INDIGENOUS STUDENTS ONLY)

I am continuing to work with SAGE (Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement) coordinator, Kiera Lapierre, at Four Directions to create a survey in response to a report that was released in 2017 on SGPS services and indigenous graduate needs. The report was done by Natasha Beitman Brener and can be found here <https://sgps.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Report-on-Indigenous-Professional-and-Graduate-Students.pdf>.

Due to recent attacks on the Four Directions Indigenous Student Center and the COVID-19 stress on the incoming students with a change to remote delivery, Kiera and I have decided to postpone the release of the survey as students become adjusted to the new reality. The survey will be released in the winter term.

5. Indigenous Graduate and Professional Student Committee (SELF IDENTIFIED INDIGENOUS STUDENTS ONLY)

I hope to reach out to various departments on campus to see if there are any indigenous student representatives that sit on graduate student councils to form a committee to better represent and accommodate the needs of indigenous graduates. The formation of this committee could also help to respond to other ideas brought up in previous council reports such as the Pow-Wow working group, input on indigenizing spaces on campus, and other events/happenings on campus. Please contact indigenous@sgps.ca if you know of any indigenous grad students in your departments who are willing to join.

6. Indigenous Writing Group (SELF IDENTIFIED INDIGENOUS STUDENTS ONLY)

This is a group of indigenous students who meet every week on Saturdays at 10am via ZOOM to set our intentions and goals for writing and working on our thesis/research for the week. If you are interested in joining, please contact me at indigenous@sgps.ca

Gichi Miigwech,

Paige Van Tassel

SGPS Indigenous Graduate Liaison
indigenous@sgps.ca



Hello everyone,

I'm somewhat gob smacked that Summer is already nearing a close and yet here we are! It has been a busy summer and while I have not managed to achieve everything I had set out to do there has been some progress on several projects:

1. Know Your Services Videos and Q&As

Building on last year's Know Your Services Workshops that were targeted only at international students, this Summer myself and Anthony worked together with Colette from the SGS to develop a series of Know Your Services videos directed at all incoming graduate students. Like last year, this series is structured around three main themes: 1) Funding and Work; 2) Looking After Yourself and Your Loved Ones; and 3) Thriving as a Student. In total I managed to curate 30 videos that speak to the variety of services available to students on campus. These can be accessed via the SGS Orientation Page). If you are in communication with any incoming students or think that existing graduate students could benefit from some of the material developed in these then I encourage you to share them as widely as possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fifi, Madison, Paige, Anthony, Courtney, Tamara, and Andria for all the SGPS related videos for the series. An especially big thank you to Anthony for his patience and help when I ran into unexpected computer concerns.

2. International Student Check-Ins

There has been a lot of movement regarding international students and information pertaining to them but very little opportunity for international students to connect with one another as a community. As such, I launched monthly international student check-ins. So far, I have hosted two and they 2 and 4 international students attend them respectively. We used the opportunity to speak about our homes and some of our experiences in Canada but we also used it as an avenue to get helpful information and ask about where we can go to find and do things. I will be hosting the next check-in on the 24th of August and would like to continue these into the Fall.

3. Beyond Canada Podcast

I have been slow to secure interviewees for the podcast over the summer. This is as a result of me not being personally busy and because I have not been able to personally connect with international students, which was my previous method of finding good hosts. Nonetheless, Episode 9 was released and in it I had a fascinating conversation with Prerna Subramanian about Screening Toilets and Narrating Transgender Relations in India. I have secured an interviewee for Episode 10 and will be recording it during August. If you or anyone you know is doing international research and/or collaborations and would like to be interviewed for the podcast, please feel free to get in touch (international@sgps.ca).

4. International Student Graduate Network

I am working together with Fifi and Paige to strategize on the best way to develop this network. I have, in the interim, started to send out email updates to the ten graduate students I currently have in it.

5. Expanding communication: What to Ask

I have developed, together with the help of other commissioners, a series of 'what to ask questions' helping hopefully helping incoming and existing graduate students think about what kind of information they might need in order to think about how to plan their time at Queen's. We are currently in the process of putting this up on the website. There is a lot of room for development and additional questions to be added. If you have any ideas feel free to contact either myself or Anthony. I wish you the best of luck as you start this new, virtual semester!

Kindest regards,

Claudia Hirtenfelder,
PhD Candidate in Geography and Planning
The International Student Affairs Commissioner for the SGPS
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Dear Council,

I hope you have all been keeping well throughout the summer months. These last few months have offered us excellent opportunities to practice and tweak the remote delivery of the many services the SGPS has to offer. I've had the chance to run a few events over the Summer months with the aid of cfr 101.9 FM, the Queen's Esports Association (QEA), and my fellow commissioners. These include the monthly Couch Disco radio show that I host through cfr 101.9 FM and the SGPS Discord server, and monthly community games nights on the QEA Discord server.

Over the month of August and leading into Orientation Week, there are several events that I am hosting:

Couch Disco: Roller Rink Rewind

Date: August 8th, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Location: cfr.ca, 101.9 FM, and sgps.click/discord

Event Description: Can't get down at the club? No problem! The SGPS presents its third monthly Couch Disco: Roller Rink Rewind! Strap on your roller skates, grab your disco ball and brace yourself for two hours of bops from the 70s that will take you back to the center of the roller rink at cfr 101.9 FM. Tune in from 8:00 to 10:00 PM on Saturday, August 8th at <https://www.cfr.ca/> for two hours of quality music to enjoy. We will be taking live requests during the show, so feel free to send us a message in the Couch Disco Chat on the SGPS Discord (<https://sgps.click/discord>).

SGPS Summer Days Scavenger Hunt

Date: August 16th, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Location: City Park, Kingston

Event Description: Join the SGPS on Sunday, August 16th at 12:00 PM in City Park for a family scavenger hunt! Work together to solve the clues and snap a picture of each of the flamingos hidden throughout the park for a chance to win a prize pack of summer fun family goodies! Anyone interested in participating in the scavenger hunt can find the clue list on the SGPS Facebook page, in person with the SGPS volunteers, or be sent one via e-mail.

SGPS/QEA Games Night

Date: August 23rd, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Location: QEA Discord (discord.gg/qea)

Event Description:

The SGPS and Queen's Esports Association are coming together to host a casual and fun online Games Night! Dip your fingers into online gaming, bring your friends for a casual round of party games, or create artistic

masterpieces that one in ten players can identify! The opportunities are endless! Join us on Sunday, August 23 at 8:00 PM in the Community Nights channel of the QEA Discord Server (<https://discord.gg/qea>)

Orientation Week Events:

SGPS Virtual Speed Meet and Grad Club Trivia

Event Date: Thursday September 10th, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM (Speed Meet), 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM (Trivia)

Location: Zoom, Facebook Live, cfrca.ca

Event Description: Do you like cheese? Want to get to know the SGPS community and make some new friends? Join us on September 12th on Zoom for our virtual Speed Meet, where you'll get to meet other new SGPS members in a Speed Meet roulette of conversation and lots of laughs. Afterwards, we will form up our battle teams and take on Grad Club Trivia from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Facebook live, hosted in collaboration with cfrca 101.9 FM.

Couch Disco: 2007 Called, It Wants Akon Back

Event Date: Saturday September 12th, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Location: cfrca.ca, 101.9 FM, sgps.click/discord

Event Description: Can't get down at the club? No problem! The SGPS presents its fourth monthly Couch Disco: 2007 Called, It Wants Akon Back. Grab your apple bottom jeans and boots with the fur because we are about to get down to 2 hours of bops from the mid 2000s that will take you right back to your first Much Video Dance. Tune in from 8:00 to 10:00 PM on Saturday September 12th at <https://cfrca.ca/> for two hours of quality music. We will be taking live requests during the show, so feel free to send us a message in the Couch Disco Chat on the SGPS Discord (<https://sgps.click/discord>).

If you have any questions regarding these events, or have any suggestions for future events to run, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at social@sgps.ca. I am looking forward to working closely with everyone throughout the remainder of the academic year.

Take care.

Rose Conlin