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. This land acknowledgement reminds us that rich Indigenous governances still exist, and will go into the future. This should also serve as a reminder that we are benefitting by living on this land that is a traditional territory of indigenous people.

I. Announcements

II. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 03/09/21:01
BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the March 9th, 2021 meeting.

III. Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION 03/09/21:02
BIRT the SGPS adopt the Minutes from the February 9th, 2020 meeting.

IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports
   a. President – Justine Aman (oral report)
   b. VP Graduate – Courtney Bannerman (report attached)

B. Speaker Report
   a. Speaker – Mary Rita Holland (oral report)

C. Approval

MOTION 03/09/21:03
BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.
V. Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

A. Senator Report – Graduate Student Senator – Courtney Bannerman (report attached)
B. Trustee Report – Graduate Student Trustee – (no report)
C. Commissioner Reports
   a. Athletics & Wellness Commissioner – Madison Danford (report attached)
   b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Fikir Haile (report attached)
   c. Indigenous Graduate Liason – Paige Van Tassel (report attached)
   d. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Rohit Shukla (report attached)
   e. Social Commissioner – Kel Martin (report attached)
D. Committee Reports
E. Department Reports
F. Other Reports
   a. University Rector – Sam Hiemstra (no report)
   b. Chief Returning Officer – Benjamin Mercado-Cruz (oral report)

G. Approval
   MOTION 03/09/21:04
   BIRT SGPS Council approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.

VI. Question Period and Departmental Issues

VII. Business Arising from the Minutes

VIII. Main Motions & Discussion

A. Ratification of Nominated By-Election Candidates
   MOTION 03/09/21:05
   BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of Darren Zanussi onto the election ballot for the position of Vice President Graduate.
BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of Rohit Shukla onto the election ballot for the position of Vice President Graduate.

BIFRT that the candidates for the position of Vice President Graduate be presented on the ballot in the following form: “Please select one of the following candidates to assume the role of Vice President Graduate of the Society of Graduate and Professional Students at Queen’s University for the 2021 – 2022 term.”

B. Ratification of By-Election Referendum Question MOTION 03/09/21:06

BIRT the SGPS approves the placement of the following question on the 2021 By-Election ballot to continue the optional student fee for the Ontario Public Interest Research Group – Kingston. “Do you agree to the continuation of an optional student fee of $4.66 for Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Kingston? This fee is subject to triennial review.”

XIV. Other Business

X. Notices of Motion & Announcements

XI. Adjournment

Adjournment MOTION 03/09/21:07

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.