



Council Meeting - Agenda
October 12th, 2021- 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. 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 10/12/21:01

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the October 12th, 2021 Meeting

- Monica Garvie moves, Marina Saporito seconds. No dissenting votes, passes unanimously.



III. Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION 10/12/21:02

BIRT the SGPS Council adopt the minutes from the September 14th, 2021 Council Meeting

- Andrea Hill moves, Sandra Smeltzer seconds. No dissenting votes, passes unanimously.
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IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Rohit Shukla (report attached)
 - Nothing to add to the report. Justine has resigned so I have taken up the interim role from October 1st 2021 from VP Grad. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask now or email personally.
- b. VP Graduate – (no report)
- c. VP Professional – Jennifer Li (no report)



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- Welcome to Rohit. Nothing to report at the moment, but there have been a lot of internal stuff. Happy to take questions now or via email.
- d. VP Finance and Services – Courtney Bannerman (oral report)
 - *Did not attend meeting due to possible technical issues.*
- e. VP Community – Anthony Lomax (no report)
 - Welcome to Rohit and the new Deputy Commissioners.
 - Hiring five new employees for the Deputy Commissioner roles and for the Deputy Indigenous Liaison role. Hiring the first time in a few years, it will allow an additional 12.5 hours of work per month which will allow each Commission to start new projects, etc. Deputy Commissioners have more of an internal role so will not be attending Council meetings. Reach out to Anthony or Jennifer Li for more questions.
 - There are some Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) meetings coming up. If you are interested in representing the SGPS in one of the many roles within CFS please let Anthony know as he is the CFS rep.
 - Questions and discussions regarding funding and mental health support for graduate students

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Devin Fowlie (oral report)
 - Not much to report, still working on bylaw policy review which will hopefully be finalized by the General Meeting.

C. Approval

MOTION 10/12/21:04

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

- Sandra Smeltzer moves, Jennifer Li seconds. No dissenting votes, passes unanimously.



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

A. Senator Report – Graduate Student Senator – Emils Matiss (no report)

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

C. Commissioner Reports

- a. Athletics & Wellness Commissioner – Kassandra Coyle (report attached)
 - Welcome to Dep Comm, and reminder that Registration is open for Cooking with Grandma. Any questions, please email.
- b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Monica Garvie (report attached)



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- There were negative reviews in the news and Gazette that came out after the report regarding the event (??) has been sent out. Any questions, please email.
- c. Indigenous Graduate Liason – Brittany McBeath (report attached)
- Welcome to Deputies to the team, specifically Duncan Stewart. Successful events and communities now the Fall term is underway, Indigenous circle is at maximum capacity but plenty of spaces in the writing group.
- d. Social Commissioner – Emilia Ganslandt (report attached)
Was not able to attend.
- e. International Students' Affairs Commissioner – Sabrina Masud (report attached)
Was not able to attend.

D. Committee Reports

E. Department Reports

F. Other Reports

- a. University Rector – (no report)

G. Approval

MOTION 10/12/21:05

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

- Anthony Lomax moves, Alissa Perou seconds. No dissenting votes, passes unanimously.



VI. Question Period and Departmental Issues



VII. Business Arising from the Minutes



VII. Main Motions & Discussion



VIV. Other Business

Deputy Speaker Vote

Candidates:

Satish Ashokabi Beladiya

Aileen Editha

- Aileen Editha elected as Deputy Speaker.



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Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Vote

Candidate: Roubina Spiropoulos

- CRO candidate could not attend Council Meeting, so the vote was not taken.

Q&A: In-person graduate events

Beth Langdon (Law), asking about whether there will be in-person graduate social events in the near future, in light of in-person undergraduate events taking place.

Anthony Lomax: Some graduate events were held in-person. The grad and professional students had to send an application through the SGPS Event Section portal which is currently closed. A meeting was planned in that group October 13th morning, planning to address the plan moving forward, especially in the Winter months, but regulations mostly likely to be remain strict. The University is helpfully opening up. More information, please contact Anthony Lomax, who sits on the committees (vp.communities@sgps.ca). Making the events easily “transferable” into an in-person format, but the official stance is that we are currently pushing through sanctioned in-person gatherings.

B: The events that the SGPS were orientation events, correct? There haven’t been any in-person events except for orientation events. But there were still in-person events that ran up until October 31st.

A: What is being worked on now is for other groups to be able to have some in-person meetings as well.

B: Follow up question, so undergraduate events until October 31st could still be orientation events?

A: Not anymore, as there needs to be some that need to have gone through the application process in the past few months (as the application process is now closed). Unless it has already been advertised, then it is unlikely that there will be new in-person events.



X. Notices of Motion & Announcements



XI. Adjournment

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MOTION 10/12/21:08

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

- Jennifer Li moves, Aileen Editha seconds. No dissenting votes, passes unanimously.