



SGPS
Society of Graduate &
Professional Students

Council Meeting - Agenda
January 18th, 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

Due to a lack of nominees for the positions of SGPS President, Vice President Finance and Services, and Graduate Student Trustee, the SGPS Elections team will be extending the nomination period until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 19, at 4:00 pm. Nominees will be required to meet the required signature threshold and supply their nominations referendum packages to elections@sgps.ca. If nominees are not received by this time, the SGPS will hold a by-election sometime after the current election cycle completes.

This extension will also be applied to the referendum fee groups who will have until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 19, at 4:00 pm to reach the required signature threshold and supply their fee referendum packages to elections@sgps.ca. If the referendum fee groups fail to meet the threshold of signatures needed and/or fail to deliver their fee referendum packages by this time, their fee will not go up for the 2022 - 2023 referendum.

Ratification of the ballot questions will occur via email. **SGPS Council members will receive the ballot questions via email for their approval at 5:00 pm tomorrow, Wednesday, January 19. Councilors will be required to respond to this email with their vote for ratification by 9:00 am on Thursday, January 20.** Please make sure to check your emails and send along your vote.



II. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION 01/18/22:01

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the January 18th, 2021 Meeting



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Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION 01/18/22:02

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



Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Rohit Shukla (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Brittany McBeath (oral report)
- c. VP Professional – Jennifer Li (oral report)
- d. VP Finance and Services – Courtney Bannerman (report attached)
- e. VP Community – Anthony Lomax (no report)

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Devin Fowlie (no report)

C. Approval

MOTION 01/18/22:04

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.



Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

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

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

C. Commissioner Reports

- a. Athletics & Wellness Commissioner – Kassandra Coyle (oral report)
- b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Monica Garvie (report attached)
- c. Indigenous Graduate Liason – Duncan Stewart (no report)
- d. Social Commissioner – Emilia Ganslandt (no report)
- e. International Students' Affairs Commissioner – Sabrina Masud (no report)



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- D. Committee Reports**
- E. Department Reports**
- F. Other Reports**
 - a. University Rector – Position Vacant (no report)

- G. Approval** **MOTION 01/18/22:05**
BIRT SGPS Council approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.



VI. Question Period and Departmental Issues



VII. Business Arising from the Minutes



VII. Main Motions & Discussion

- A. Graduate Peer Support Centre Fund** **MOTION 12/14/21:06**
BIRT The Graduate Peer Support Centre be closed and permanently discontinued. The \$3.00 paid by students in September 2021 will be refunded to their Solus accounts and no further money will be collected under the GPSC fee, whereas the SGPS Executive is planning to have the responsibilities of the GPSC absorbed back into the Peer Academic Advisors (PAA) program.



VIV. Other Business



X. Notices of Motion & Announcements



XI. Adjournment



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Adjournment

MOTION 01/18/22:10

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.