



## Dear Council and Members!

I hope everyone had a restful Holiday break. We officially returned to the office on January 10th, so there are only a few things I wish to highlight at this first Council meeting of 2022. I am hopeful that 2022 will be a great year and look forward to continuing to engage with all of you.

### Elections

Hopefully, everyone is aware of the exec elections which is underway and nomination period closes on January 18 at 3:00 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in any of the Executive positions, please encourage them to reach out to the respective Executive member for further information! To learn more about the position and the nomination process, please check out <https://sgps.ca/elections/>.

I would really like to see a contested election for each position to ensure that students have a real choice at the polls.

### ARC Rebate

I am happy to announce that the Division of Students Affairs (DSA) has approved to refund ARC fee for the time it's not operational for students. Due to uncertainty of the situation the rebate will show up as a credit on student accounts at the end of the year.

### Bus Subsidy

The bus-it subsidy for the winter 2022 semester is open now! Any member who purchased the Bus pass for this term and were assessed the mandatory fee slate are eligible to apply. Just complete the form [https://queensuniversityams.formstack.com/forms/bus\\_pass\\_bursary\\_before\\_11:59](https://queensuniversityams.formstack.com/forms/bus_pass_bursary_before_11:59) on January 31, 2022.

### Engagement

As president I sit on number of committees and working groups consisting of covid and non-covid agendas. I am not providing their description here but if you would like more information, please reach out to me and I would be happy to share the further information. Also, if you have any concerns/issues you would like me to discuss at upper-level admin, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I am always open to any comments, questions, or suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at [president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca)

Best  
Rohit Shukla



Hello everyone!

Please see the mid term report on how much has been spent from each bursary category

Bursary name	Starting amount	Amount spent Nov/2021	Amount remaining
International Student Bursary	\$12,000	\$9200	\$2800
Dental Bursary	\$9,500	\$5598	\$3902
Emergency Assistance Bursary	\$11,500	\$2,195.74	\$9304.26
Activity Bursary	\$1,500	\$820	\$680
Mental Health Bursary	\$5000	0	\$5000

Income	Recommendation for Budget
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Health & Dental Plan	
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4110 Health & Dental Processing Fees	
<b>Total Health &amp; Dental Plan</b>	0

Student Fees	
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4105 Student Society Fee	\$350,000
4115 The University Centre	\$125,000
4120 Std ID Validation	
4185 Grad Peer Support	REFUNDED
4187 SGPS Aborg Comm Fee	\$10,000.00
4191 Social Comm Fee	\$10,000.00
4195 Inter'l Comm Fee	\$10,000.00
4310 Ath & Wellness Comm Fee	\$10,000.00
4320 Equity & Diversity Comm Fee	\$10,000.00
5230 Student Advisor Fund	\$10,000.00

<b>Total Student Fees</b>	
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Budget Income \$558,000</b>
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Expenses	Recommendation for Budget
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Amortization of Capital Assets	
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5325 Amortization--Capital Expense	\$9,319.21
<b>Total Amortization of Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$9,319.21</b>

Bursaries & Grants	
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5202 Std Activity Bursary	\$1,500
5235 Dental Fund	\$9,500
5240 International Bursary	\$13,000
5315 Awards- SGPS	\$2,000
5355 Targeted Grants	(-\$15,000)
5415 Emergency Student Fund	12,500

Mental Health Bursary	\$5,000
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<b>Total Bursaries &amp; Grants</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>
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Commissioners	
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5360 Equity Comm. Expenses	\$1,000
5505 Intern'l Comm. Expenses	\$3,000
5508 Indigenous Comm Events	\$1,000
5515 Athletics Comm. Expenses	\$1,000
5563 Social Events	\$2,500
<b>Total Commissioner Events</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
<b>Conferences &amp; Professional Development</b>	
5504 Professional Development	\$1,200
<b>Total Conferences &amp; Professional Development</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Council and Committees</b>	
5371 Council	1,800.00
5405 Elections and Referendum	3,500.00
5501 Exec Internal	2,000.00
<b>Total Council and Committees</b>	<b>\$7,300</b>
<b>5660 Dues and Subscriptions</b>	
5660 Dues and Subscriptions	\$5,000
<b>Total Dues and Subscriptions</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Honoria &amp; Stipends</b>	
5581 Exec Stipends	68,500.00
5583 Commissioner Stipends	38,000.00
5585 Coordinator Stipend	10,000.00
5593 Speaker Stipend	6,000.00
<b>Total Honoria &amp; Stipends</b>	<b>\$117,500</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	
5495 Insurance	\$13,000
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b>Professional fees</b>	
5350 HR Consulting	\$12,000
5527 Banking Expense	\$2,200
5541 Accounting Fees	\$50,000
5543 Legal Fees	\$10,000
<b>Total Legal and professional fees</b>	<b>\$74,200</b>
<b>Office and Other Expense</b>	
5521 Copier	\$3,500
5522 Food	\$100
5523 General Office Expense	\$1,500 (based on Sandy's projections)

5524 Reversed Stale Dated Items	\$0
5525 Postage	\$200
5528 Small purchases/repairs	\$1,000
5650 Website Expenses	\$1,000
<b>Total Office and Other Expense</b>	<b>\$7,300</b>
<b>Orientation &amp; Advertising</b>	
5310 Orientation Events	\$5,500
5457 Orientation SWAG	\$0
5507 Promotional Material	\$1,000
<b>Total Orientation &amp; Advertising</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>
<b>Space Cost</b>	
5503 Space Cost	\$95,000
<b>Total Space Cost</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>
<b>Sundry</b>	
5391 Sponsorship	\$5,500
5393 GPSC Expenses	0
5420 Appreciation - Internal	\$1,200.00
5440 Transition and Planning	\$1,500.00
5506 Club Funding	\$5,000.00
5635 Conference Expenses	\$0
<b>Total Sundry</b>	<b>\$13,200</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	
5611 Telephone	\$9,900
<b>Total Telephone</b>	<b>\$9,900</b>
<b>Wages &amp; Benefits</b>	
5601 Student Advisors Wages	\$30,000
5603 Student Training Exp	\$720
5617 Regular Employee Wages	\$160,000.00
5619 Temp Admin Wages	0
5621 Grad Peer Support Wages	0
5623 EI Expense	\$3,620
5624 CPP Expense	\$4,493.24
<b>Total Wages &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>\$198,833</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$595,252.21</b>

Total Budget Income	\$558,000.00
Total Budget Expenses	\$595,252.21
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Good Evening Council Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and that the new semester has greeted you kindly! My updates are relatively sparse as the SGPS was on holiday for 2 weeks. Please be sure to contact me at [equity@sgps.ca](mailto:equity@sgps.ca) if you have any questions, comments, or general interest in any of the initiatives or projects listed!

#### 1. Advocacy and Support

Following an incident of violence against two female racialized graduate students, I have been doing ground level work in peripheral support of the community as well as supporting the International Commissioner (Sabrina Masud) in her tireless efforts to mobilize and support the students and community through this stressful time.

#### 2. Committee Work

- **BEAG (Built Environment Advisory Group)** – meeting planned for this week.
- **UCARE and sub-councils** – meetings planned for later this month
- **PSAC901 Anti-Oppression Working Group** – I have been working to put together a series of workshops for financial literacy. The first of which will occur later next month. We've also been discussing ways to provide more safety options for BIPOC community members both in terms of preventative awareness in the broader Kingston community and safety measures for BIPOC students in need of assistance after an incident.
- **BIPOC Supports Working Group** with HREO and AMS – nothing to report
- **Student Mental Health Network** – We've delayed the distribution of the 30 care packages due to the current remote status of the university. We're hoping to distribute after reading week. A registration link for the care package draw will be released later this month.
- **(Deputy EDC) Provost's Action Group for Gender and Sexual Diversity (PAGGAS)** – nothing to report

#### 3. Projects: Soft Infrastructure Network

I am excited to announce that the Soft Infrastructure Network has finally had its first round of meetings! Three separate meetings were needed to accommodate all the EDII reps who wanted to participate and all three went extremely well! During the meetings we introduced ourselves, discussed issues of concern in our respective departments, goals we'd each like to achieve, and some take-home tasks. Our second round of meetings will be in February. Please reach out to your department's graduate/professional student EDII representative to inquire about the Network and if they have not participated please encourage them to contact me to join!

#### 4. Projects: Resource Vlog – this project has been dropped and will no longer appear in my reports.

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*Equity and Diversity Commissioner*

*Society of Graduate and Professional Students*



Hello everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed your well-deserved break.

As you all know, Queen's announced that the first month and a half of the winter semester would be virtual. This has affected the year plan that Derek and I had developed quite a bit. We are now working on transitioning these events into a virtual format.

We have a few events that are in motion. More information about these events below:

1. **Virtual speed-friending, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022:** This event will be taking place on zoom and will focus on people getting to know new people within the SGPS community. It will be like speed-dating but to make new friends. The event will take place between 7pm and 8.30pm. The hope is that this will reduce members feeling of isolation in these virtual times.
2. **Virtual Among Us games night, February 10<sup>th</sup>:** Again, this event is aimed at reducing the isolation of graduate and professional students at this time and creating a positive and social virtual space. The event will take place on Zoom between 7.30-9PM.
3. **Virtual Eco workshop:** This eco workshop will focus on vegan cooking and reducing food waste. The hope is to have this workshop in the middle of February. More information will be released when a date and time have been agreed on with the facilitator.

Please share the information about these events as more information is posted on SGPS social medias.

Beside events, Derek will also be working on taking pictures for the SGPS recipe blog and coming up with some new recipes. If you have any ideas of recipes you would like to see featured, please reach out to me or Kassandra at [athletics@sgps.ca](mailto:athletics@sgps.ca).

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions about these or any other future events, please feel free to contact me ([social@sgps.ca](mailto:social@sgps.ca)).

Sincerely,  
Emilia Ganslandt  
Social Commissioner, SGPS





Aanii kina wiya/Hello everyone,

Happy New Year!

Since the last council meeting in December I have the following updates to share:

I facilitated the Indigenous Student Caucus meeting on December 1 and will continue in for the winter term. In addition to attending other meeting including the Academic and Curricular Diversity Sub-council and SAG.

I made important connections to meet with 4Directions Director, Kandice Baptiste and Advisor, Jessica Parks as well as Equity Commissioner/Indigenous Liaison Deputy, Jane Mao. Our discussions involved actions to kick start programming such as the Indigenous Reads Talking Circle and Graduate Student Writing Circle. On that note, I also completed the novel reading and workshop planning for Indigenous Reads Talking Circle sessions to be held in the winter term.

Outreached and circulated information about the Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre's ballot fee for the upcoming referendum to obtain SGPS members' signature, and I will be acting as the Campaign Representative moving forward.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions please feel free to contact me ([indigenous@sgps.ca](mailto:indigenous@sgps.ca)).

Miigwetch/Thank you,

Duncan Stewart  
SGPS Indigenous Graduate Liaison