

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 04/11/23:01

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the April 11th 2023 Council Meeting.

III. Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION 04/11/23:02

BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from the March 13th 2023 Council Meeting

IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Beth Langdon (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Devin Fowlie (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Chloe Stone (no report)
- d. VP Finance and Services – Sandra Wright (no report)
- e. VP Community – Emilia Ganslandt (report attached)

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Aileen Editha (report attached)

C. Approval

MOTION 04/11/23:03

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

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

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

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

C. Commissioner Reports

- a. Athletics & Wellness Commissioner – Clare Gaherty (no report)
- b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Jane Mao (report attached)
- c. Indigenous Graduate Liason – *Position vacant*
- d. International Students' Affairs Commissioner – Vina Li (no report)
- e. Social Commissioner – Gaby Toretto (report attached)

D. Committee Reports

E. Department Reports

F. Other Reports

- a. University Rector – Owen Crawford-Lem (no report)

G. Approval

MOTION 04/11/23:04

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. Approval of 2023-24 Council Schedule

MOTION 04/11/23:05

BIRT SGPS Council approves the schedule for 2023-24 Council and General Meetings.

B. First Reading of Revised Bylaw and Policy Document.

MOTION 04/11/23:06

BIRT SGPS Council approves the proposed changes to the SGPS Bylaw and Policy Document. This is the first of two readings for Bylaw provisions, and the first and only reading for Policy provisions.

Further details on the proposed changes and revised version of the Bylaw and Policy document are outlined in the following documents (attached as appendices to this agenda):

1. *Appendix A: Proposed Changes Covering Letter;*
2. *Appendix B: Revised Bylaw and Policy Document (Tracked); and*
3. *Appendix C: Revised Bylaw and Policy Document (Clean).*

C. Approval of Proposed Budget Reallocation

MOTION 04/11/23:07

BIRT SGPS Council approves a budget reallocation of \$4,000 from the Targeted Grants budget line to the Emergency Student Financial Assistance budget line for the 2022-2023 budget year.

Per P.1.1.8.b, changes of amounts between \$1,000 and \$5,000 must be approved by Council and require only one reading.

D. Discussion on methods of governance for SGPS Council proceedings.

Per the suggestion of March 2023 Council, Officers have created a summary document detailing various characteristics, pros, and cons of each major governance system. This has been attached as an appendix to this agenda.



IX. Other Business

A. Re-election of Officers of the Council

MOTION 04/11/23:08

This motion will be brought by members of the SGPS Executive. During this discussion, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker will temporarily leave the meeting after presenting why they are seeking re-election.

BIRT Aileen Editha be reelected Speaker of SGPS Council for the 2023 - 2024 Council year.

BIFRT Katie Zutautas be reelected Deputy Speaker of SGPS Council for the 2023 - 2024 Council year.

X. Notices of Motion & Announcements

XI. Adjournment

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MOTION 04/11/23:09

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.