

*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

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## II. Adoption of the Agenda

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### A. Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION 11/14/23:01**

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the November 14 2023 Council Meeting.

## III. Minutes

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### A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

**MOTION 11/14/23:02**

BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from the October 24 2023 Annual General Meeting.

## IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

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### A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Devin Fowlie (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Steacy Coombs (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Maya Kawale (report attached) – *apologies*
- d. VP Finance and Services – Gaby Fekete (report attached)
- e. VP Community – Tony Hu (report attached)

### B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Aileen Editha (no report)

### C. Approval

**MOTION 11/14/23:03**

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.

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

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### A. Senator Report – Graduate Student Senator – Emils Matiss (oral report)

### B. Trustee Report – Graduate Student Trustee – Kana Ogawa (oral report)

### C. Commissioner Reports

- a. Athletics & Wellness Commissioner – Meghan Mendelin (report attached)
- b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Sangeetha Saravanan (report attached)
- c. Indigenous Graduate Liaison – Rosemary Gasparro (no report)

- d. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner – Vina Li (report attached)
- e. Social Commissioner – Gabby Toretto (oral report)

**D. Committee Reports**

**E. Department Reports**

**F. Other Reports**

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

**G. Approval**

**MOTION 11/14/23:04**

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

VI. Question Period and Departmental Issues

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VII. Business Arising from the Minutes

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**A. Discussion:** Impact of hiring freeze on graduate students

*Question from Abby McLean as to how the hiring freeze (as discussed in Senate) would affect hiring adjuncts.*

**B. Update:** Small revision of election timeline (reflected on the SGPS website)

Date	Event
Friday, 12 Jan	Information session if needed; website and social media adverts
Monday, 15 Jan	Nominations open
Friday, 19 Jan	Advertisement of uncontested positions
Monday, 22 Jan	Nominations close (4 pm)
Tuesday, 23 Jan	Validation and ballot ratification at Council
Wednesday, 24 Jan	All Candidates Meeting (TBD) <i>(will be held if needed)</i>
Thursday, 25 Jan	Campaign period begins (12:00 am)
Wednesday, 31 Jan	All Candidates Debate (TBD)
Monday, 5 Feb	Campaign period ends (11:59 pm)
Tuesday-Weds, 6-7 Feb	Voting days

VIII. Main Motions & Discussion

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**A. Approval of proposed change to the 2023-24 SGPS Budget**

**MOTION 11/14/23:05**

*Gaby Fekete, SGPS Vice President Finance and Services (vp.finance@sgps.ca)*

*Per SGPS Policy 1.8.c., this is the first of two readings of the motion.*

BIRT SGPS Council approves the addition of \$20,000 to the food insecurity relief program, within the 2023-24 SGPS budget.

- B. Discussion:** Educational Society
- C. Discussion:** ARC gym space
- D. Discussion:** Structuring of departmental societies (Queen’s TMed)
- E. Discussion:** SGPS statement on the Middle East conflict

*As the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory continues to unfold, the SGPS continues to reflect and work towards ways that we can support our students. Like many of you, we are shocked and horrified by the number of lives lost, displaced and forever altered.*

*The SGPS acknowledges that this conflict has had devastating impacts on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory. We also recognize that the world continues to witness antisemitic, xenophobic, discriminatory and racist acts committed. We condemn any and all forms of disrespect, discrimination, racism, antisemitism, and xenophobia against any individual.*

*The SGPS would also like to take this time to call for the immediate and unconditional release of all civilians held hostage. We plead for the parties in this conflict to respect their obligations under international humanitarian and human rights law. This includes depriving civilians in Gaza from water, medicine, electricity, fuel, and food. We stand by the call for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, and offer our deepest support and condolences to all members of our community who have been personally affected by this conflict.*

## IX. Other Business

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## X. Notices of Motion & Announcements

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## XI. Adjournment

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### **Adjournment**

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.

**MOTION 11/14/23:06**