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

A. A Moment of Silence: Remembering Eddie Oliver (PhD, Cultural Studies)

B. Canadian Federation of Students Announcement - November 8 National Day of Action Fight the Fees
   a. Mitra Yakub (CFS rep; m.yakubi@cfsontario.ca): call for free and accessible education- highlighting Tony Hu for his work on this. Graduate and professional students are experiencing common issues (housing, transit, food insecurity) and hopefully we can join to support this movement. Bus leaving from Queen’s, so please connect with Tony (vp.community@sgps.ca) if you’re interested in joining at Queen’s Park.

C. Audit Presentation from KPMG (Katie Mahon)
   a. Katie Mahon
      i. Each fiscal year (April 30th) KPMG does an audit on the financial statements of the year and presents a high-level overview at the fall AGM
      ii. Issued a clean opinion; the financial statements present fairly for the 2023 fiscal year
      iii. Substantially completed the audit- start in July and wrapped up before end of summer, after approval today they will send finalized financial statement
      iv. Assets and liability of the organization
         1. Accounts payable is larger than last year but that’s due to the timing of payments to health and dental plans – payments were made in May so as of now all has been reconciled, but that explains the increase in cash and accounts payable
      v. Overall change in net assets is the surplus or deficit of the year (based on revenue vs expenses) which is recorded as the statement of operations
         1. For revenue from student fees, the net basis doesn’t have much change year over year (generated from student fees) and the gross basis had a $500,000 increase in received and paid out due to Bus-IT; in 2022 fiscal year Bus-IT was not around and it came back in in 2023 fiscal year
         2. Revenue from health and dental plan, can see there is $200,000 of claims paid out over what was received - deficit running in that program
a. Fairly common that surplus deficit will rise or fall as these are reactive to claim cycles. Nothing out of the ordinary but it lines up with the amount of funds set aside each year

3. Expenses are relatively consistent year over year
4. Overall, $69,000 deficit on the year – allocated between the different funds
5. Statements of cash flow just show where cash is being generated or utilized like to see that it is positive
6. Notes to the statement do not change year to year other than updating the numbers, unless there are new accounting policies or standards which there weren’t for this year
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   viii. Provides thanks to Andria Burke as well as other members who are responsible for the booking keeping and any follow ups can be directed to Gaby, VP Finance and Services (vp.finance@queensu.ca)

II. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Adoption of the Agenda

   MOTION 10/24/23:01

   BIRT SGPS adopt the Agenda for the October 24 2023 Annual General Meeting.

   Anton Kaduck moves, Shamus Tobin seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously

III. Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

   MOTION 10/24/23:02

   BIRT the SGPS adopt the minutes from the September 19 2023 Council Meeting

   Maya Kawale moves, Kana Ogawa seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously

IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

   a. President – Devin Fowlie (report attached)

      i. JDUC construction – large student centre that is being redone for it to be completed by next year. Governed by tri-party agreement with SGPS, AMS, and the University (needs to be re-negotiated). Discussions are around finances (Gaby and Andria have been working on this) who will pay for
what, governance (what is happening who has control and if conflict arises between the tri-parties). Getting close to finalizing the agreement and once that’s done, we will bring it to council.

ii. Sexual Violence policy is now up for consultation (Department of Student Affairs website)

1. Abby Mclean asks: Wondering if the policy addresses how student organizations (clubs/councils) can assess sexual violence within the club. For example, the conduct office has stated that individual clubs cannot kick someone out of a club based on that policy.

2. Devin Fowlie: [The Department of Student Affairs are] Explicitly opposed to allowing anyone other than the sexual violence response centre from handling any of that. We don’t have anything within the Bylaws about how that should be handled, AMS deals more closely with clubs thus their bylaws relevant to clubs relay specifically to the sexual violence policy of the university. No provisions of how a club would handle their own issues. In essence saying the clubs themselves can’t address them they need to be referred.

iii. Student financial stability is a concern - discussions with provost and looked at SGSPA Dean, to provide recommendations to increase funding to graduate students given current budgetary climate. Regular meetings with these parties to continue to discuss this and housing needs with the University- also working on community engagement with the city about these issues as well.

1. Jake Morrow question: Is there any indication of where they’re looking to increase funding? Historically a lot of hesitance on the admin side to look outside of the tuition model and also when budgetary issues arise to increase undergrad international student enrolment, is there any indication of where it would come from?

2. Devin Fowlie: International students are still sought after by the university, which I have pushed back on. I don’t know where that stands. As per last meeting of the board that is something they were considering. They are hoping to increase QGA allocations (would increase base funding of everyone) where that comes from within the internal budget, but Mathew Evans (Provost Academic) is investigating this

iv. Can be reached at: president@sgps.ca

b. VP Graduate – Steacyj Coombs (report attached)

i. Brief overview of report: discuss mental health counseling and use of empower me plus, funding and affordable housing, and creation of resources for forming and maintaining departmental graduate student associations
ii. The school has stopped hooding for master’s thesis at convocation and don’t want to bring it back due to time restrictions – SGPS and grad school feel it should be brought back. If you and your department feel strongly about this, I would recommend writing a letter voicing this

iii. Meeting with advancement team to help get donor money into the hands of graduate students

iv. Can be reached at: vp.graduate@sgps.ca

c. VP Professional – Maya Kawale (report attached)

i. On the board of directors for the grad club and we’ve been discussing increasing profitability (currently trying to expand marketing, increasing some food prices, and removing unpopular menu items).

1. Shamus Tobin question: What is our official relationship with them and why are we looking at increasing its profitability?

2. Maya Kawale: SGPS does support them but we’re not financially responsible. Would like to make this a hub for SGPS students thus as they spend time there, we don’t want the place to go out of business. Hoping to get these initiatives going so we’re able to sustain the grad club to maintain it as a place for students

3. Shamus Tobin, follow up: Menu items, could be issues with ordering system (ex. they were once out of stock for hamburgers but were in stock for cheeseburgers). Don’t know if they have an oversight in their ordering and classification of items, but could be worth investigating

4. Maya Kawale: I will bring that up at our next meeting for sure. Hopefully we can remedy some of those issues

5. Francois-Daniel Portelance question: to help support the Grad Club as a hub for grad students/professionals, can the SGPS assist in building bicycle infrastructure (e.g., parking)?

6. Maya Kawale responds: they are thinking of doing that and of re-painting the outside, so it is something to be considered. They are trying to get their funding up to go into these initiatives, but this could be a conversation within the SGPS to see what is within our budget and whether we can contribute if that would benefit our members

ii. Working on EDI anonymous form to gather information to advocate better for students if we are more informed of people’s experiences

iii. DSA meeting- programs implementing accommodations and showing leniency for students

iv. Brief over of other things: Graduate student handbook, housing and ancillary services working group, and planning med law games which will take place in February

v. Can be reached at: vp.professional@sgps.ca
d. VP Finance and Services – Gaby Fekete (report attached)
   i. Finance Committee has expanded the emergency assistance subsidy to cover academic related expenses. Also opened the grant program so students are encouraged to apply to support student led initiatives at Queen’s
   ii. Representing SGPS members in tri-party agreement within the JDUC
   iii. Can be reached at: vp.finance@sgps.ca

e. VP Community – Tony Hu (report attached)
   i. Hiring policy- easier for commissioners to be re-hired if they have good performance reviews. Able to hire individuals with previous experience.
   ii. Housing – issue at provincial and federal levels as well as in Kingston due to low occupancy rates. Trying to get more intersectional conversations about this.
   1. Jake Morrow and Shamus Tobin: Note about update to Queens community housing (An Clachan and John Orr) as being distressing- they include raising rent, restriction of tenancy, and I’m wondering if you could speak to them more.
   2. Tony Hu: Echo that sentiment. These are scary changes and we are engaging in active conversations with people from community housing to discuss this further. University is saying that with changes around number of times leases can be extended this is hoping from the University, that individuals come into community housing and then find more appropriate housing- more of a steppingstone. To the point about raising rents beyond provincial guidelines, this is coming from community housing saying they want to increase density at An Clachan site- by raising rent they will raise their capital reserve to meet their demands.
   3. Shamus Tobin comment: Increase density, can you clarify? They’re trying to fill An Clachan and John Orr with more people, or they’re looking to raise capital to expand and create additional community housing.
   4. Tony Hu: Mix of both. Idea is that An Clachan could have more development on the property (not a renovation to make smaller units, it would be to make new builds).
   5. Jake Morrow: Are they planning to displace people in that process? Or build on a separate area?
   6. Devin Fowlie: They would displace people. They would do it in a rolling fashion, is the plan. Do renovations to An Clachan in sections and the people occupying those sections would be displaced and then brought back. The university is moving forward with this process.
7. Shamus Tobin: One is an expansion and one is a renovation of the current, which is it?
8. Devin Fowlie: I wouldn’t say that its either or. They are building new units on the site that currently exists, they are taking it down and building it higher and denser.
9. Shamus Tobin: Sounds challenging to do this, to evict students into the housing market.
10. Devin Fowlie: We’ve asked explicitly to know where they’re going to put the students that are going to be displaced to ensure there is a plan. What that plan looks like I don't know.
11. Jake Morrow: is there a plan to make up for extra housing. There were 300 applications in 10min for 30 sites. Any cut to that site will be devastating especially as we’re looking to add in 200 new post-docs. Is there a plan for just the people or also for the units that will be lost in that time?
12. Devin Fowlie: I’m not sure as they haven’t made that plan yet. We will continue to advocate for students, and they’ve done this in the past where they have put students in hotels. But yes, there needs to be a solution for what to do with students. We will continue to have this discussion.
13. Question about the policy in tenants - 1:1 bedroom issue- must be at least 2 students in 2-bedroom units.
   a. Devin Fowlie responds: None of this is set in stone in terms of policy- we don’t know when or how much will be solidified. We wanted to provide feedback on the components of the proposal, so this is in the consultation phase with us and then we’ll know when it will be implemented. Consultations may or may not be changeable, whether they will make a change, time will tell.
14. Issue raised about availability of rooms for those with dependents vs single tenants in An Clachan and whether those with dependents could be given priority
   iii. Increasing community engagement- building relationships with Kingston community groups. Hoping this will allow our members to have more potentials for volunteering and job positions within Kingston.
   1. Abby Mclean question: Does that mean talking to KHSC, KGH, Hotel Dieu to cover how students are treated there or whether that would fall under something else, but it would be an important thing to address.
   2. Tony Hu will stay in contact to talk about that.

B. Speaker Report
   a. Speaker – Aileen Editha (no report)
C. Approval  

**MOTION 10/24/23:03**  
BIRT SGPS approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.  

Shamus Tobin moves, Stephanie Mills seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously.

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

A. **Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Emils Matiss (report attached)
   a. Not too much movement as Senate doesn’t operate throughout summer, but the first meeting was October 5th.
   b. University is facing a budget deficit- $62.8 million. The way they are trying to tackle that is a blanket hiring freeze and department budget cuts by 1.5%. Want to make it up by 2026. Don’t think that they will receive governmental funding but likely will face impacts to funding for student programs.
      i. Levy Duhaime: Question about hiring freeze- thought this was a blanket hiring freeze but it runs contrary to the language used in Devin’s report about it not applying to facilities staff.
      ii. Devin Fowlie: Apologies if language was confusing. Most recent batch of hires of custodial staff were external to this budgetary constraint, so they would not be subject to further cuts or constraints within that budgetary model. They would maintain the same level of service with this freeze in mind.
      iii. Emils Matiss: Janitorial staff are the most underpaid staff Queen’s has, they are hoping to increase salaries to a livable wage for these individuals.
      iv. Stephanie Mills: Would the hiring freeze affect other positions (e.g., post docs or RAs) as well?
      v. Emils Matiss: From my understanding that would be a separate issue as those positions are funded by grants that PIs have. The hiring freeze is for university staff, so if its funding from the university it would be affected but if it’s lab specific, not necessarily.
      vi. Abby Mclean: Discussions at senate level regarding freeze on hiring adjuncts and how that will impact graduate students- grad students go on to teach these courses and adjuncts teach us. They’re looking to cut courses with less than 8 people, and that largely would impact graduate courses.
      vii. Emils Matiss: Would have to go through the senate meeting minutes to confirm how this would be affecting adjuncts.
      viii. Devin Fowlie: Don’t know the answer but we can look into this, and we will get you that information, it’s a great point.

   c. Updates - New Provost and the Student Senate Caucus is looking to get more student engagement to ensure our students are heard; gathering an active student base. Looking at orientation format and date review, looking to get engagement.
with lobbying funding which can be hard for the University as they have different perspectives and priorities, as we’ve been looking for abolishment of tuition while the university is looking to lift the tuition freeze.

d. Can be reached at: senator@sgps.ca

B. Trustee Report – Graduate Student Trustee – Kana Ogawa* (no report)
   *Subject to ratification

C. Commissioner Reports

a. Athletics & Wellness Commissioner – Meghan Mendelin (report attached)
   i. Organized summer and orientation events (classes and ARC tours)
   ii. Trying to get the athletics and wellness resources more up to date on the website
   iii. Related to the ARC, some members have expressed lack of space issues for graduate students. This is an ongoing conversation of how we can best approach this with ARC staff and other stakeholders
      1. Shamus Tobin: Regarding ARC space, have you come up with any tentative solutions to propose to the ARC administrators to assist in solving this issue for our members?
      2. Meghan Mendelin: We do have tentative solutions such as reserving dedicated space and times for graduate students, this is the current one we are going to bring to the table.
   iv. Continue to do group fitness classes and please reach out if there is anything else you would like to see
   v. Can be reached at: athletics@sgps.ca

b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Sangeetha Saravanan (report attached)
   i. Still on-boarding into the position- started in September
   ii. Working to support gender-affirming care subsidy and taking on process of reorganizing the Soft infrastructure. Going to reach out to various departments if there is no representation from the various departments/programs, to determine how we can further work in equity and diversity.
   iii. If anyone has ideas or collaborations in mind, please feel free to reach out.
   iv. Can be reached at: equity@sgps.ca

c. Indigenous Graduate Liaison – Rosemary Gasparro (no report)

d. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner – Vina Li (oral report)
   i. Increasing engagement with SGSPA and SGPS to have resources for international students. Trying to collaborate with international student reps from various departments to get them in the international commission.
   ii. Want to circulate a newsletter specifically for international students thus trying to collect emails of international graduate students.
   iii. Brought to my attention that international students have been facing many issues with inflation, thus trying to collaborate with organizations to
streamline the grant and bursary process so they can be more easily accessed for emergency funding.


v. Can be reached at: international@sgps.ca

e. Social Commissioner – Gabby Toretto (report attached)

   i. Working on several fall events such as ghost tours in partnership with Kingston haunted walks- other events can be found on the Instagram account.

   ii. If you have any feedback from previous orientation events or suggestions for future events, then please feel free to reach out.

   iii. Can be reached at: social@sgps.ca

D. Committee Reports
E. Department Reports
F. Other Reports

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

G. Approval

   MOTION 10/24/23:04

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

   Jake Morrow moves, Yerin Chung seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously

VI. Question Period and Departmental Issues

VII. Business Arising from the Minutes

VIII. Main Motions & Discussion

A. Ratification of Trustee Election Results

   MOTION 10/24/23:05

   BIRT SGPS ratify the results of the 2023-24 Trustee By-Election and acclaim Kana Ogawa to the role of Graduate Student Trustee.

   1) Katie Zutautas, SGPS Deputy Speaker

      i. The Graduate Student Trustee is an elected two-year position to represent graduate and professional students at the Board of Trustees- one of the chief governing bodies for Queen’s University, responsible for all financial and strategic matters as well as hiring of the Principle and Vice Principles

      ii. We are looking to ratify the results of the Trustee By-Election to formally transition Kana into her new role
Devlin Fowle moves, Gabby Toretto seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously.

B. Ratification of MBA Referendum Results

MOTION 10/24/23:06
BIRT SGPS ratify the results of the MBA Referendum.

1) Devlin Fowle, SGPS President
   i. MBA students were previously under the AMS and that doesn’t fit the current demographic of the students, thus they are seeking to transition to coverage with the SGPS. The logistics have been sorted at university registrar and now we just need to ratify the results of that which passed at the MBA referendum.

Shamus Tobin moves, Tony Hu seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously.

C. Approval of 2024/25 Executive Election Timeline

MOTION 10/24/23:07

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a. Katie Zutautas, SGPS Deputy Speaker
   i. During the start of the Winter term, the SGPS holds the annual election for Executive positions as well as holding the fee referendum- the opportunity where students can vote on additional opt-out fees that are added to our yearly tuition. This is to try and reduce the number of voting cycles we put students through to get maximum turn out, as well as consolidating our efforts of organizing voting cycles.
   ii. Today at council we have the proposed timeline for this election which has been tailored from the outline in the SGPS election Policy as well as best aligned with the AMS election period. We are looking for ratification of this timeline so we can bring it forward to the remainder of the SGPS membership so individuals can start planning ahead.

   (a) Shamus Tobin: The timeline looks good, but I suggest adding a second all candidates meeting and extending timeline a day longer thereafter to
accommodate - wanting to ensure that if there is information students need to know for their campaign periods that they are able to access it before the campaign period begins

(b) Katie Zutautas and Aileen Editha respond: The current phrasing in the timeline makes it seem a lot more formal than it is. All individuals who are nominated and make it onto the ballot will receive an information package that outlines how the remaining election process will proceed. The All Candidates Meeting is meant to supplement this and is very flexible, even being offered to individuals on a 1 on 1 basis to ensure that everyone is supported throughout this process. As well, all campaign materials must be passed through and approved by the elections committee, comprised of the Deputy Speaker, Speaker, and Executive Director, so candidates will be directly informed if there are any issues in adherence to the election guidelines. We can incorporate more clear phrasing around the All Candidates Meeting to ensure its transparent that this is not a mandatory session but rather more of a Q&A and that documentation is available throughout the election cycle. We can also bring this back to council to show the altered language.

BIRT SGPS ratify the proposed timeline for the 2024/25 Executive Elections.

Ephraim Nukpetsi moves, Yerin Chung seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously

D. Second Approval of Proposed SGPS 2023-24 Budget

MOTION 10/24/23:08

See attached file: Appendix B – Proposed 2023-24 Budget

a. Gaby Fekete, SGPS VP Finance and Services
i. Reviewing the budget which was shown last week remembering that the goal of the budget is to minimize the underutilization of funds and ensure that mission of executive are adequately supported with funding
   (a) Key changes include:
      o Implementation of Gender Affirming Care subsidy
      o Absorbed the Mental Health subsidy within the General Health Subsidy
      o Increasing budget for all subsidies with exception of Emergency Assistance subsidy
      o Expanded the criteria of the Emergency Assistance subsidy to include academic related expenses to better utilize this fund
   ii. Levy Duhaime question: regarding the KPMG audit document, can you comment on the Bus-IT expense - $598,000 to other organizations.
(a) Gaby Fekete: To provide our students with bus passes we pay the AMS this fee to be part of their plan, but we can always get more details if that’s needed.

iii. Shamus Tobin question: Just clarifying the report from KPMG, that they found a net deficit in our budget from last year?
   (a) Gaby Fekete: Yes, the audit was for last year and our fiscal year is May 1st to April 30th and yes there was a deficit.

iv. Shamus Tobin: With the projected surplus of $41,000, how are we allocating surplus cash, are we putting them in high investment savings mutual funds?
   (a) Gaby Fekete: For the time being, we do not invest excess funds from our general funding. Any excess surplus funding specifically allocated for health and dental we do have invested into a money market account and long-term portfolio, but the money in the general account is not invested.

v. Any further questions can be directed to Gaby at vp.finance@sgps.ca

BIRT SGPS approve the proposed 2023-24 budget.

Shamus Tobin moves, Kana Ogawa seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously

E. Discussion follow-ups from September 2023 meeting minutes

1) Fees and questions related to the Educational Student Society (Raj Gill; Gaby Fekete)
   i. Will re-visit next council meeting.

2) Custodial budget cuts and cleanliness on campus (Shamus Tobin; Devin Fowlie)
   i. Devin Fowlie: To recap from last meeting, an issue was raised about cleanliness standards of most buildings on campus and that it’s not at an acceptable level. Brought this up at Senates, according to Donna Vepeyak (referenced in Devin Fowlie’s report), they report 15-20 new janitorial/custodial staff, and they intend to maintain that level and slightly increase. They have also hired them at a higher wage than previous staff. Donna’s position is that the low wage was a deterrent from keeping staff long term, so hope that this will help. I suggest we monitor this over the next couple of weeks, and I hope we’ll see cleanliness increase. Even with the budgetary restraints the university seems invested.
   ii. Shamus Tobin: Said they’d hire more custodians and increase their wage, I hope that means they’re also increasing the current staff, not just the new hires. Do you have any numbers as to how many new staff they have taken on as compared to previous, as in percent change or net increase? Interested in how substantial this change is in custodial staff.
   iii. Devin Fowlie: I’m not sure, but I can find out and get back to you. My sense is that the 20 new hires is substantial, but I can double check to ensure that that is in addition and not just replacing other members.
iv. Anton Kudack and Shamus Tobin: Provide anecdotal support of the increased cleaning services recently

v. Levy Duhaime: During senate proceedings was there any information that moved the needle on this issue where Teri Shearer said they wouldn’t hire any more staff when they were experiencing overwork and underpay, so I’m curious what advocacy was effective in the Senate meeting to change the Universities mind?

vi. Devin Fowlie: It wasn’t explicitly talked about so I’m unsure, but there were complaints from a lot of different areas (faculty, staff, students) both formally and informally. So potentially there was just enough noise to make it finally heard

3) Noah James: Issues regarding desk space on campus. Noticed a discrepancy in the working conditions for graduate students across University departments, especially those who are required to be in person. Doesn’t seem like there is any accountability from supervisors, programs, departments. Thus, wondering how we can advocate for equitable space for graduate students.
   i. Devin Fowlie responds: Part could be interesting to talk to PSAC and see what they think. Could also be worth talking to people like Donna, regarding whether there are options for making more equitable work space. Would think that it depends on the funding of the department and the supervisor- supervisors with more funding have more space whether that’s through departmental agreements. Likely that the University would say it’s a departmental issue. The graduate space in Stauffer is a potential example of this working so could try to facilitate further discussion like this.
   ii. Aileen Editha adds: I know that there was former discussion from Nancy Petrake from Queen’s University library was thinking of turning some of that into a graduate room, but no push from the university to make those spaces available.
   iii. Katie Zutautas: Is the JDUC able to help supplement any of that space?
   iv. Devin Fowlie: On the 2nd floor there will be designated space for graduate students, but it would be more like communal working space and bookable rooms.

4) Limited space in ARC (Haritha Haridas; Devin Fowlie; Steacy Coombs)
   i. Will revisit next council meeting.

5) Kana Ogawa: Talking on behalf of TMED- new with council process. Wanted to ask what other departments within their societies are doing in terms of financial aspect, if you are ratified councils how do you go about finances.
   i. Shamus Tobin: We [Physics] are not ratified, we are just a graduate council a lot of finances are held in trust by the department, they assign a budget that we can use at our discretion
   ii. Aileen Editha : This may be better brought up at a regular council meeting as more council representatives should be present, but you can also speak with the Executive Director, Andria
6) Abby Mclean: Updates to academic integrity regulation in the last senate meeting 2.2.6
Deception “mis representing accuracy or information in a document”, wonder if the
university expanded on what they will determine deception- create or submitting an
altered medical note for ex. Is this equitable? Who will hold the university accountable
for doing this equitably?
   i. Devin Fowlie: This is a bigger question than I’m suited to answer. Gavin Watson
   VP in Teaching and Learning was part of the committee in changing academic
   integrity procedures so I can connect you with him and we can chat after.
7) Devin Fowlie: Faculty of Arts and Science will be meeting on Friday as part of a panel
   that will present 3-4min on issues relevant to graduate students. Working well not
   working well. Would love to have just more than Steacy and I on that panel. If you’re
   interested in attending faculty board 3:30pm on Friday, please reach out to Steacy and
   myself.
   i. Anton Kaduck: Undergraduate student council get one vote on faculty board but
      graduate students don’t.
   ii. Abby Mclean: Mentioned that she brought this up to James Fraser previously
      but don’t know if there has been any continued push for this.
   iii. Steacy Coombs: I haven’t attended faculty board yet, so this will be my first. But
      the information I have is just from my few conversations with James Fraser. He
      thought that Devin and I as SGPS members had voting power, but from my
      understanding everyone else would be observers. We have raised this concern
      to ensure that we have the same voting power as the undergrads.
   iv. Devin Fowlie: The undergrad societies generally fall under ASIS, we don’t fall
      under that. We also don’t govern the same within departments. Thus, there is
      no way to say that you have formal council as we don’t have that embedded
      into our policies. This would be a joint effort on us and the faculty board to
      formalize graduate councils.

IX. Other Business

X. Notices of Motion & Announcements

XI. Adjournment

Adjournment

MOTION 10/24/23:09

BIRT this SGPS Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Shamus Tobin moves, Steacy Coombs seconds. No points of discussion on this motion. No
dissenting votes; the motion passes unanimously