

The Society of Graduate and Professional Students recognizes the 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 is also a reminder that we are benefitting by living on this land that is a territory of Indigenous people.

I. Announcements

A. Announcement from the SGPS Executive

- A recent interest at many institutions, as well as at Queen’s (was addressed at our April Council meeting), was the concept of divesting from weapons companies, and defense contractors.
- The SGPS would like to formally state to our membership that our investment portfolio has never included investments in the corporations on the BDS list, weapons companies, and defense contractors. These companies fall outside our ESG (environmental, social, and governance) principles, which means the SGPS will never hold investments with them.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

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MOTION 21/05/13:01

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the May 21st, 2024, Council Meeting.

III. Minutes

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION 21/05/13:02

BIRT SGPS Council adopt the minutes from the April 9th, 2024, Council Meeting.

IV. Executive & Speaker Reports

A. Executive Reports

- a. President – Emils Matiss (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Zaid Kasim (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Maya Kawale (report attached)
- d. VP Finance and Services – Katie Zutautas (report attached)
- e. VP Community – Simran Sharma (report attached)

B. Speaker Report

- a. Speaker – Emmanuel Ampomah (no report)

C. Approval

MOTION 21/05/13:03

BIRT SGPS Council approves the Executive and Speaker Reports.

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

- A. Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Sakura Koner (report attached)
- B. Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – Kana Ogawa (report attached)
- C. Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Athletics & Wellness Commissioner – Meghan Mendelin (report attached)
 - b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Sangeetha Saravanan (report attached)
 - c. Indigenous Graduate Liaison – *position vacant*
 - d. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner – Vina Li (report attached)
 - e. Social Commissioner – Noah Mirembe Gabigogo (report attached)
- D. Committee Reports**
- E. Department Reports**
- F. Other Reports**
 - a. University Rector – Niki Boytchuk-Hale (no report)
- G. Approval** **MOTION 24/02/13:04**

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. Proposed Council Schedule for the 2024 - 2025 Council Year** **MOTION 21/05/13:05**

BIRT, the 2024 - 2025 SGPS Council approves the proposed Council Schedule for the 2024 - 2025 Council year.

Motion raised and presented by Council Speaker, Emmanuel Ampomah

Proposed 2024 – 2025 Council Schedule

Month	Date	Purpose	Location / Time
August 2024	August 6	Reports and motions due	
	August 13	Council Meeting	Zoom
September 2024	September 10	Reports and motions due	
	September 17	Council Meeting	Zoom
October 2024 Annual General Meeting	October 8	Reports and motions due	
	October 15	Council Meeting	Hybrid
November 2024	November 5	Reports and motions due	



	November 12	Council Meeting	Hybrid
December 2024	December 3	Reports and motions due	
	December 10	Council Meeting	Hybrid
January 2025	January 7	Reports and motions due	
	January 14	Council Meeting	Hybrid
February 2025	TBD	Reports and motions due	
	TBD	Council Meeting	Hybrid
March 2025	March 4	Reports and motions due	
	March 11	Council Meeting	Hybrid
April 2025	April 1	Reports and motions due	
	April 8	Council Meeting	Hybrid
May 2025	May 6	Reports and motions due	
	May 13	Council Meeting	Hybrid

IX. Other Business

X. Notices of Motion & Announcements

XI. Adjournment

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MOTION 21/05/13:10

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.