



E-NEWSLETTER

SGPS Student Advisors

The Student Advisors provide information, advice and advocacy for all graduate and professional students on any issue they may face while studying at Queen's. Student Advisors have office hours Monday 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in JDUC room 203. You may also contact them via e-mail: studentadvisors@sgps.ca (checked weekdays only).

SGPS LOOKING TO HIRE FRONT DESK STAFF

SGPS Front Desk staff are available to answer any and all questions from the SGPS membership. One major focus of the Front Desk staff is to help SGPS members with the health and dental plan. The Front Desk staff also help SGPS Executive and staff with various projects throughout the year. The Front Desk staff refer students to other SGPS team members when they are unable to help with a particular issue.

We are seeking someone to work 1 day per week (6 hours). Front Desk staff are paid \$12.50 per hour.

Application Deadline: October 10, 2008.

For full details: <http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/jobs.html>

FREE MONEY FOR STUDENTS

This year the Ontario Govt. has instituted a new textbook and technology grant worth \$150 for students.

The sole qualification for the grant is that you must be a full time registered student. Details of the program can be found here:

<http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/awards/toolbox/TextbookTechnologyGrant.htm>

If you have applied for OSAP, you have already been automatically enrolled in the grant program and do not need to do so again. Otherwise you can find the application form here:

https://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/ttg_12.htm

The application is quick and easy to use.

EXECUTIVE PROFILE: VP INTERNAL PROFESSIONAL

Hello SGPS members!

Over the next few newsletters, the SGPS Executive will be completing profiles that highlight our positions and our plans for the year. This week I will be discussing my background, position (Vice President Internal Professional), and some of the plans that I am working on.

I am currently finishing my last year of law school at Queen's University. My undergraduate degree was in Political Science and Labour studies.



I am a professional student within the SGPS and a large part of my portfolio deals with ensuring that the needs of professional students are brought forth to Council. As the Vice President Internal Professional I am also going to be working with the Professional Student Standing Committee, which will be meeting periodically throughout the fall and winter semesters. This position also handles the Human Resources oversight of certain positions within the SGPS.

This year I am planning on strengthening relationships between our various constituencies to ensure that the SGPS is meeting the service needs of our membership. I am also working on a revised Human Resources Plan that will help adapt the positions that we currently have to better work for the membership we serve. I am also sitting on the Board Directors of the Grad Club.

Please contact me to offer suggestions, ideas or concerns that you might have. My office hours for the fall semester are Monday and Wednesday 10:30-11:30 (excluding Oct. 8, and Oct. 14), however alternative appointments can be made, or you can reach me through email.

Jamie Kneen
Vice President Internal Professional
vpip@sgps.ca

STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD NOMINATIONS

This Award recognizes staff members who consistently provide outstanding contributions during their workday, directly or indirectly, to the learning and working environment at Queen's University at a level significantly beyond what is usually expected (e.g. improving the workplace efficiency, quality of worklife, customer service, problem-solving, etc.) Information and nomination forms are available from <http://www.hr.queensu.ca/workandcareer/awards-procedure.php> or the office of the Vice-Principal, Human Resources, Room 133A, Dunning Hall. **Deadline: October 17, 2008.**



E - N E W S L E T T E R

FEDERAL ELECTION DEBATE

Are you interested in what your Kingston MP candidates' policies are on issues concerning Energy and the Environment?

Come to a Federal Election Debate hosted by the School of Environmental Studies and Society of Conservation Biology at Queen's University! All candidates will be present.

The debate takes place this Friday, October 3, from 7 - 9 p.m. in the BioSciences Complex, Room 1101.

The debate will be moderated with questions covering policies for climate change, green innovation, energy alternatives, water resources, green space management, and waste management. Following this, the floor will be opened for an audience question period.

All campus and Kingston community members are welcome!

FEDERAL ELECTION DEBATE 2

Please come and join fellow Queen's students and citizens at **7 p.m. on October 7th in Wallace Hall** for the 'Kingston and the Islands' Federal Election Debate. The candidates from the four major parties [Brian Abrams (Conservative Party); Eric Walton (Green Party); Peter Milliken (Liberal Party); and Rick Downes (New Democratic Party)] will be present, ready to outline their vision for Canada's future. The debate will be moderated by Prof. Kim Nossal from the Department of Political Studies. The event is also open to the public and audience members will be able to address questions directly to the candidates.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Find out where the parties stand on policies that affect your education!
www.VoteEducation.ca!

VoteEducation.ca, a new website, has been developed by the Canadian Federation of Students to provide information to voters about where the parties stand on the key issues affecting Canada's colleges and universities. Here you'll find background information on the issues, where the parties fall on important questions for students, questions to ask at all-candidates forums, information about how to register to vote and much more. In addition, as soon as all of the parties have made their platforms public, check back at www.VoteEducation.ca to download the Party Report Card. It's required reading for student voters!

COLD BEVERAGE EXCLUSIVITY FUND

The Cold Beverage Exclusivity Fund is accepting applications for projects and/or capital expenses ranging between \$1,000 and \$20,000. The deadline is 4:30pm on October 31st.

Complete details: <http://www.sgps.ca/dl/cold-beverage-fund.pdf>

Application form: <http://www.sgps.ca/dl/cold-beverage-app.pdf>

PUBLIC FORUM ON THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8th in Dunning Hall, Room 12, there will be a public forum entitled 'Afghanistan: Why We Say Troops Out Now' discussing Canada's role in Afghanistan. Organized by Queen's Against War and moderated by Paritosh Kumar from the department of Global Development Studies, the forum will feature a number of speakers addressing different topics relating to Canada's role in Afghanistan. Marcus Taylor from the department of Global Development Studies speak on the topic of 'Colonialism Then and Now'. Abbie Bakan, from the department of Political Studies, will speak on the 'War in Afghanistan and Military Recruitment'. Dana Olwan from the department of Women's Studies will speak on the 'Myth of a War for Women's Liberation'. And Bob Lovelace, also from the department of Global Development Studies, will speak on the topic of 'Against Occupation at Home and Abroad'. For further information, please contact Queen's Against War at queensagainstwar@gmail.com.

HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

The Health and Human Rights Conference is a two-day multidisciplinary conference featuring speakers, workshops, breakfast and lunch.

Keynote speakers include: Dr. Samantha Nutt, Major Brent Beardsley, Robert Lovelace and Colin Soskolne.

Start Time: Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 8:00am

End Time: Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 4:30pm

Location: BioSciences Complex, Queen's University

For more info and registration visit: <http://sites.google.com/site/hhrc2008/Home>

ANDRINA MCCULLOCH PUBLIC SPEAKING

Win from \$250-\$1,100 in the 68th Andrina McCulloch Public Speaking Competition.

Preliminaries: Monday October 27, Tuesday October 28

Finals: Wednesday October 29, 2008

Preliminaries will be held in Goodes Hall, and the Finals in the McLaughlin Room (Room 241), in the JDUC.

The competition is open to all Queen's students.

For more information and to register, visit:

<http://www.queensu.ca/jduc/speaking>

SGPS COMMITTEES

Create a green, fair, and accessible campus.

SGPS Campus Sustainability Standing Committee

The SGPS Sustainability Committee had its first meeting on September 22. One major problem identified by the committee was the recycling system on campus, which differs from building to building, sometimes even differs from floor to floor. The committee proposed to work with the Physical Plane Services to put into place a unified and easy to use recycle/waste system throughout the campus. Furthermore, clearer instruction are needed to inform the general public on what goes into the blue bin that seems to be everywhere. The waste generated on the campus is managed by a private company instead of the city government; difference between the two systems on what to recycle and what goes to waste have confused students. The committee will meet again on October 6th to further discuss the waste management issues. We welcome your comments and ideas. If you have any questions or are interested in sitting on the committee, please contact either Mohamed Hefny (chair, hefny@cs.queensu.ca) or Joellen Lin (committee coordinator, committee@sgps.ca).

SGPS Judicial Committee

The Judicial Committee consist of 7 SGPS members and acts to resolve complaints about non-academic behavior of SGPS members, and also acts as an appeal board for candidates during SGPS elections. Since the focus of the Judicial Board is conflict resolution and restorative justice, conflict resolution training provided by SGPS office is mandatory in order to serve on the committee. Next conflict resolution is scheduled on October 4th and 5th. Interests SGPS members please contact the committee coordinator, Joellen Lin, for details.

Queen's Accessibility Committee

Queen's Accessibility Committee (QAC) is seeking another graduate student representative, particularly a student with disabilities, to sit on the committee and discuss projects and polices related to accessibility (physical, academic, etc) on campus. This is an important work to ensure that Queen's is accessible for people with disabilities. The term of service is 2 years. More information about the committee along with the nomination forms can be found at:

<http://www.queensu.ca/equity/content.php?page=QAC>

If you are interested in sitting on the QAC or have any questions concerning the position, please contact committee coordinator at committee@sgps.ca.

QUEEN'S CENTRE INFORMATION SESSION

Dear members of Queen's community,

I am inviting you to attend a public information session on Queen's Centre Phase 2 and 3 Review, at 5:30pm, on Thursday, October 2, 2008.

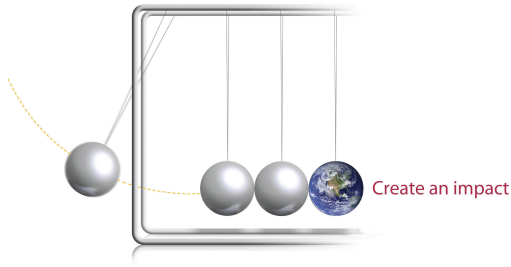
The Queen's Centre Review Committee started its review of the scope and programming of Phase 2 and 3 in spring 2008. Key partners and stakeholder groups including the AMS, SGPS, Athletics & Recreation, Student Affairs etc. have been intimately involved in the entire process. The recommendation from the Review Committee on Phase 2 and 3, including the arena, field house, student life and other components, will be presented to the Board of Trustees in its October meeting.

I would like to invite members of the Queen's community to attend this public information session, hosted by Dr. Andrew Pipe, B.A. '70, M.D. '74, LL.D. '01, Trustee and Chair of the Queen's Centre Executive Committee. Ann Browne, AVP Facilities, who chairs the Review Committee, and David Dymecki from our architect Sasaki & Associates, will facilitate the discussion, and will be available to answer questions, along with members from Athletics & Recreation and Student Affairs.

The information session will take place at 5:30pm, in Room 202 Policy Studies, on Thursday, Oct 2. Please forward this invitation to anyone in your department or unit interested in this topic. A notice has been also been posted on Queen's homepage.



Andrew Simpson
Vice-Principal
(Operations and Finance)



Graduate News & Events

1. EXPANDING HORIZONS UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

October 1 – Building a Learning Community in the Classroom
October 6 – Tips for applying for scholarships & fellowships
October 8 – Equity Issues in the Queen's Classroom, Classroom

2. NEW WORKSHOPS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR:

October 14th & 16th - Ethesis workshop (4pm – 5pm) in the Douglas Library, E Classroom. More information will be provided shortly on how to register.

For more information and registration details for each workshop, please visit the School of Graduate Studies website at: <http://www.queensu.ca/sgs/academicsupport.html>

3. QUEEN'S SCHOOL OF ENGLISH PART TIME ESL PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 30TH!

Don't forget to register for the following two (2) courses

English For Professional Purposes: Presentation And Pronunciation Skills. Course Dates: September 30 – November 27. Cost: \$640 / \$590 for Queen's Students/Staff

Introduction To Teaching English As A Second Language

Course Dates: September 30 – November 13. Cost: \$420

How to Register

Please fill out and submit the registration form below along with your full payment to the School of English. You may also obtain a registration form at the School of English office or online at www.queensu.ca/qsoe. Registration closes Monday 29th September at 4pm.

Registration forms:

[English for Professional Purposes – Sept. 30 to Nov. 27](#) or [Introduction to TESL – Sept. 30 – Nov. 13](#)

For more information on this course, please contact Queen's School of English or visit our website at http://www.queensu.ca/qsoe/program_Part-Time.html.

4. French Studies International Graduate Student Conference – “Entre Memoire et histoire”

On October 18-19 in Policy Studies 202, our graduate students will hold their first conference to examine the relationship between memory and history from an interdisciplinary perspective. Conference presenters from across Canada and abroad, will explore the various ways in which history is incorporated and transformed into text and cinema, in addition to how it is inextricably linked to memory, on both the level of form and content. All papers will be given in French, but all are welcome to attend. For more information contact the French Studies Department.