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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27

AGENDA

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council
Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Tuesday, August 11th, 2009, 5:30pm
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

Presentation on Student Constable Program (5 mins)
AMS Chief Student Constable - Jon Morris-Pocock
AMS Hospitality and Safety Services Director - Ellen Allwright

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

08/11/09:1

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the agenda for August, 2009 be adopted.

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08/11/09:2

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the minutes for May, 2009 be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a) President – Jeff Welsh (report attached)
- b) VP Graduate – Joellen Lin (report attached)
- c) VP Professional – Kate Kahn (no report)
- d) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Steve Osterberg (report attached)
- e) VP Finance and Services – Amir Nosrat (report attached)
- f) Speaker – Mark Rosner (no report)

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08/11/09:3

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

4. Committee, Commissioner, Senator, Board of Trustee and Other Reports

- a) Graduate Student Senator – Andrew Stevens (report attached)
- b) Board of Trustees – Alfonso Nocilla (no report)
- c) Committee Reports
- d) Commissioner Reports
 - i) Social Commissioner – Diala Habib (report attached)
 - ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii) Equity Commissioner: Usman Mushtaq (no report)
- e) Other Reports
 - i) Committee Coordinator – Laura Gale (no report)
 - ii) Education Coordinator – Vacant
 - iii) Equity Coordinator – Laura Szabo Greisman (no report)
 - iv) Rector – Leora Jackson (report attached)
 - v) Chief Returning Officer – Vacant
 - vi) Departmental Reports

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08/11/09:4

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT Senator/Board of Trustees/Commissioner/Committee Coordinator / Committee, and Other reports be accepted.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

2nd Reading of Motions:

MOTION

08/11/09:5

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08/11/09:13

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$2390.50) to the Queen's First Aid Unit from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

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08/11/09:14

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$1366.00) to Golden Words from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

7. Main Motions

MOTION

08/11/09:15

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT to approve Council and General Meeting schedule for 2009/10:

2009:
September 8th @ 5:30PM;
October 13th @ 5:30PM
November 10th @ 5:30PM;
December 8th @ 5:30PM

2010:
January 12th @ 5:30PM
February 9th @ 5:30PM
March 9th @ 5:30PM
AGM – March 23rd @5:30PM
April 13th @ 5:30PM
May 11th @ 5:30PM

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08/11/09:16

Moved _____ Welsh _____ / _____ Osterberg _____ BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$5443.51) to the Student Constables from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

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08/11/09:17

Whereas the SGPS is negotiating a service agreement with the AMS,

Moved _____ Nosrat _____ / _____ BIRT the Finance and Services Committee develop a contingency plan in the event that said agreement does not provide desirable results.

MOTION

08/11/09:18

Whereas the SGPS has extended the Health and Dental Plan to civilian RMC graduate students in the past; and

Whereas the civilian RMC students have not made a negative impact on the SGPS Health and Dental Plan.

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the SGPS offer the SGPS Health and Dental Plan to civilian RMC students for the 2009/2010 year.

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08/11/09:19

Whereas the SGPS has been exceeding expenditures in certain 2008-2009 Budget lines.

Moved Nosrat / _____ BIRT that a total of \$350.00 be added to Club Funding under Schedule 5,

BIFRT that a total of \$2120.00 be added to EI & CPP under Schedule 9,

BIFRT that a total of \$700.00 be added to Campaigns under Non-Schedule Budgeted Items,

BIFRT that a total of \$3000.00 be added to Conferences under Non-Schedule Budgeted Items,

BIFRT that a total of \$500.00 be added to Insurance under Non-Schedule Budgeted Items,

BIFRT that a total of \$500.00 be added to Telephone under Non-Schedule Budgeted Items.

1st Reading of Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

MOTION

08/11/09:20

Moved Welsh / _____ BIRT to Amend by-law B.13.1 to read:

"B.13.1 Resigning from the SGPS

- a. Resignations for Executive positions, Officers and Appointees of Council, SGPS Trustee and Senator must be made to Council.
- b. Upon completion of their degree program, any Executive member, Officer or Appointee of Council, SGPS Trustee or Senator may complete their term of office if less than 6 months remains in the term of office, but may not seek re-election or re-appointment without returning to "Ordinary Member" status. If more than 6 months remain in the term of office at the time of the termination of student status, the member must resign their position."

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08/11/09:21

Moved Welsh / _____ BIRT to Amend by-law B.5.1(l) to read:

"B.5.1 Members of Council

(...)

- l. The Education Coordinator, who shall not vote;"

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08/11/09:22

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT to Amend B.5.1(j) to read:

"B.5.1 Members of Council
(...)

j. Graduate Senators, the Theology Student Senator, the Law Student Senator, and the Education Student Senator;"

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08/11/09:23

Moved Welsh / _____ BIRT to Amend B.16.2 to read:

"B.16.2 Council of the School of Graduate Studies

a. The SGPS shall have the following representatives on the Council of the School of Graduate Studies: each SGPS Executive member, a Graduate Senator, and one from each Faculty Graduate Committee (or equivalent) from the following Faculties/Schools:

- (1) Arts and Sciences;
- (2) Applied Sciences;
- (3) Law;
- (4) Business;
- (5) Health Sciences;
- (6) Education;
- (7) Theology
- (8) School of Policy Studies
- (9) School of Urban and Regional Planning

b. Nominations to these positions shall be made in conformity with B.16.1.

c. A list of these divisional representatives shall be maintained in accordance with Bylaw B.16.1."

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08/11/09:24

Moved Welsh / _____ BIRT to add by-law (B.16.3):

"B.16.3 Executive Committee of the School of Graduate Studies

a. The SGPS shall have 2 voting members on the Executive Committee of the School of Graduate Studies:

- (1) the SGPS President (or delegate); and
- (2) a Graduate Senator.

b. SGPS representatives on the SGS Council from the following Faculties/Schools shall have Observer status on the SGS Executive Committee:

- (1) Arts and Sciences;

- (2) Applied Sciences;
 - (3) Law;
 - (4) Business;
 - (5) Health Sciences;
 - (6) Education;
 - (7) Theology
 - (8) School of Policy Studies
 - (9) School of Urban and Regional Planning
- c. Nominations to these positions shall be made in conformity with B. 16.1.
- d. A list of these committee representatives shall be maintained in accordance with Bylaw B.16.1."

Proposed Policy amendments:

MOTION

08/11/09:25

Moved Welsh / _____ BIRT to Amend P.1.2.5 to read:

"P.1.2.5 Increasing Student Fees

(...)

b. Class 'C' Fees:

- (1) Class 'C' optional fees and class 'C' mandatory fees can be increased by the VP Finance and Services by up to a cumulative maximum of 50% in any 3 year period without the requirement for a referendum.
- (2) Any increase in a class 'C' optional fee or a class 'C' mandatory fee must be reported to Council at the first Council meeting following the meeting of the Board of Trustees where fees are approved for the Blue Book."

MOTION

08/11/09:26

Moved Welsh / _____ BIRT to add Equity Coordinator description:

"P.2.1.6 The Equity Coordinator

- a. The Equity Coordinator shall be a member of the Equity Commission and head the Commission in the absence of the Equity Commissioner
- b. The Equity Coordinator shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Supporting and advising the Equity Commissioner in their work as well working closely with Equity Commission subcommittees
 - (2) Organizing any applicable equity training for graduate departments and individual students, in conjunction with the University Human Rights Office, the Equity Office, and the Positive Space program

(3) Working on an annual "Equity Encyclopedia" that is to be updated every year which contains a list of resources for students from historically marginalized groups

(4) Setting up events that give voice to historically marginalized groups whether through art, music, spoken word, theater, discussions or other applicable events."

MOTION

08/11/09:27

Moved Welsh / _____ BIRT to add Sustainability Coordinator description:

"P.2.1.7 The Sustainability Coordinator

a. The Sustainability Coordinator shall head the Sustainability Committee

b. The Sustainability Coordinator shall be responsible for:

(1) implementing and enforcing SGPS policy on sustainability as defined in Section P.9.1.3 both within and outside SGPS;

(2) Working to make the use of water, energy and material at Queen's University more ecologically sustainable and to provide students with the practical knowledge and skills needed to successfully carry out green projects on campus

(3) Making sustainability and climate neutrality a part of the curriculum and other educational experience for students at Queen's;

(4) Initiating a plan and public commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on-campus;

(5) Supporting the development and use of low environmental impact technologies on-campus;

(6) Pushing the administration at Queen's to examine the environmental impacts of their work processes;

(7) Building campus capacity for citizen engagement on climate/environmental justice issues at the university beyond green consumerism;

(8) Collaborating with CFS and the SGPS VP-Community Affairs to bring CFS environmental campaigns to campus;

(9) Advising the SGPS on ways to make internal processes more sustainable.

c. The Sustainability Coordinator shall represent the SGPS on the University Sustainability Council (or equivalent) and liaise with the AMS Sustainability Commissioner."

MOTION

08/11/09:28

Moved Welsh / _____ BIRT to add the Education Coordinator job description:

"The Education Coordinator

a. The Education Coordinator shall be responsible for:

- (1) acting as a liaison between the ESS Executive and Council and the SGPS Executive and Council;
 - (2) attending ESS Executive and Council meetings and reporting reporting relevant issues to the VP Professional;
 - (3) attending SGPS Council and General meetings and reporting relevant issues to the ESS President;
 - (4) attending meetings of the SGPS Professional Students' Standing Committee; and
 - (5) reporting regularly to the VP Professional.
- b. The Education Coordinator is also strongly encouraged to sit on the SGPS Council (as an ESS rep) and/or the University Senate (as the elected student Education Senator)."

8. Other Business

Presentation – SGPS Housing

MOTION

08/11/09:29

Whereas the SGPS has begun the process of investigating the initiation of a new Housing Authority; and

Whereas this new Housing Authority is to provide Housing Services for ordinary members of the SGPS.

Moved _____ Nosrat / _____ BIRT a Special Committee be formed known hereafter as the Housing Committee,

BIFRT that the Housing Committee along with the Executive initiate the process of establishing a separate Housing Authority which remains subservient to the SGPS,

BIFRT that any final structure of this new organization be subject to approval by SGPS Council.

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, September 1st, 2009.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th, 2009.

10. Adjournment

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08/11/09:30

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

08/11/09

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Attached:

May Minutes

Reports

Budget 09/10

Budget Guide 09/10

Appendix 1 – Queen’s Communications to graduate students about increased tuition

Appendix 2 – Proposed Draft Guidelines on Graduate Student Vacation

Appendix 3 – New Vacation Guidelines for Queen’s Graduate Students

Appendix 4 – Discussion Document of general non-tuition student fee protocol for Queen's students

Appendix 5 – Report on decisions reached regarding student fees as a result of the Education Students’ Society change in affiliation from AMS to SGPS.

e) VP Finance and Services – Amir Nosrat (report attached)

Mainly spent the last little bit on transitioning. Focus for next year will be to increase revenue of the SGPS by means of investing rather than relying just on the student fees.

f) Speaker – Mark Rosner

Positions are open on Judicial Committee.

MOTION

05/12/09:3

Moved _____ Stevens _____ / _____ Welsh _____ BIRT Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

4. Committee, Commissioner, Senator, Board of Trustee and Other Reports

a) Graduate Student Senator – Andrew Stevens (report attached)

Highlighted that staff and faculty have been accused by the Kingston community of being the villains of the current Queen's financial crisis. This fact has been flagged out at the Senate meeting and many voiced out that this is a false accusation as faculty especially have taken voluntary actions to minimize the financial hardships. Something should be done to change this view.

Province of Ontario is re-examining and trying to renegotiate tuition structure.

Diane Kelly gave a murky response on a murky report on Welsh's argument against Administration's unilateral authority over these issues and lack of consultation with student body.

For SONAD, Radcliff (AMS) suggested nominating a certain individual to sit on the SONAD.

Expressed concern over political affiliations and such in the current process.

Osterberg – Clarify the last point.

Stevens – The concern was over some individuals with potential interest in undermining the democratic process. This is not Radcliff's exclusive opinion, but representation of concerns that have been raised over the several months by many.

b) Board of Trustees – Alfonso Nocilla

Speaker – Alfonso could not make it to this meeting, but emailed and asked me to relay this message. He wished to remind the SGPS members that Council approved the Exec to propose the fee changes to the BEd students for the referendum to join the SGPS, but we never did approve the actual fee change.

Stevens – Wish to clarify something. I believe Trustee is supposed to consult with Council before voting at the BOT meetings then again bring back the results and consult/inform the Council again. Isn't that right?

Welsh – That is correct. To recap the meeting, BOT approved deficit spending for 2009-2010. This is unusual for Queen's. Happened because Administration felt there would be a severe financial strain and requested a time for adjustment so they can have time to consult with faculties and departments on what can be cut, etc. University asked this 2 Trustees meetings ago, and this was approved at the last meeting. Proposal was a 15% cut across the board and cumulative of \$30 million over 3 years. Projected deficit for next year was \$8 million and was approved as a part of the next 3 year plan. BOT clarified that they did not feel they would be able to approve the proposed budget for the following 2 years because the 3-year plan did not indicate how the University was planning on bouncing back. AMS President and Rector were both present.

Rector – University operation budget will increase because of wages and such increases, but cuts across boards and faculties will happen.

c) Committee Reports

d) Commissioner Reports

i) Social Commissioner – Diala Habib (report attached)

Absent.

ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)

Nothing to add.

iii) Equity Commissioner – Usman Mushtaq (report attached)

Absent.

e) Other Reports

i) Committee Coordinator – VACANT

ii) Chief Returning Officer – VACANT

iii) Rector – Leora Jackson

Came in late.

iv) Departmental Reports

MOTION

05/12/09:4

Moved Fralick / Osterberg BIRT Senator/Board of Trustees/Commissioner/Committee Coordinator / Committee, and Other reports be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

5. Question Period/Departmental Complaints

None.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

7. Main Motions

Speaker – All motions regarding transactions greater than \$1000 will need to reappear for second reading in the next Council meeting in August. All motions regarding transactions greater than \$500 may be settled here.

Webb – Are we allowed to make these motions omnibus?

Osterberg – After what happened at the last meeting, let us not omnibus these motions and deal with them individually.

MOTION

05/12/09:5

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$1024.50) to the Campus Accessibility Fund from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Speaker – Before we address the substance of the first motion, I will allow a discussion on the general issue of fees and the transactions before us.

Welsh – series of motions for transfers to various campus services arise out of the transfer of BEd students. Concerns and questions have come up regarding why SGPS has to be financially accountable as such. Delegates of SGPS, AMS, VP Academics office met to discuss this issue. No existing protocol so we must abide by the Ontario Legislation and each individual institutions must come up with and follow own protocols. Originally proposed that BEd students pay reduced fees. It was brought to the meeting table that services that BEd students currently pay into and they won't be paying into/pay much less to will be restricted. In terms of what BEd students will pay next year and

what the impact will be on the affected services, it was generally agreed that there should be some discussion between the societies and the recipients of the services so that provisions and transitions can be made to cushion the recipients from the financial blow. This will allow time for the recipients to adjust budget, seek out other revenues, etc. These motions are the result of this discussion. All these services, AMS and non-AMS alike, are facing financial crises that will ultimately be detrimental to our membership as well. Our financial reserves are presently \$250,000 and the total being asked here is well within this range. Also, amount of money collected from BEd students, even at reduced rate, will be \$20,000 per year. In total, \$30,000 contribution will be made toward SGPS. Feel free to ask about individual services and benefits and such.

Welsh – Campus Accessibility Fund is contributed jointly by SGPS and AMS for campus accessibility improvements. Includes all forms of accessibility challenges. Is a student run service.

Osterberg – University just received a pot of money to be used exclusively for infrastructure projects. Are we adding money for what government gave already? Shouldn't we re-consider this transfer in light of this recent event?

Welsh – That pot has already been earmarked for various University-led projects. University's priority for infrastructure improvements usually runs to things other than accessibility and therefore I see the need for this input by us to Campus Acc.

Farzam-Kia – The concern for this year is valid. But why do WE, SGPS have to undertake this obligation and what value is it that our members are getting by doing this? Why are BEd students themselves not paying this fee as almost like a one year penalty sort?

Welsh – There is no precedence given the very unique nature of this population. BEd students WILL financially benefit the Society from now on and will continue to do so. In terms of 'paying out their liability' as you put it... We are spreading not only this one but all cost over a larger number of members now so less pressure on us to increase the general SGPS membership fee, which can otherwise go up. This will return to our membership as a net financial gain.

Stevens – Overall satisfied with all services. But what about services that our members are excluded from some parts of the service, like being employed for it? There should be some strings that are attached to that. Services that our membership is disinterested in and/or unaffected by are also present here. We can make better use of this same money.

Ceci – Paying into AMS specific fee guarantees the ability to be employed by the AMS. It's reasonable for students to expect full benefit only by paying not only service specific fees but also the full society fees.

Farzam-Kia – Repeat earlier question why do we have to undertake this obligation? Aren't we setting a bad precedent for whatever campus population who wishes to join us in the future? We can spend this money better than throwing it aside into subsidizing these services.

Welsh – It falls to us because they are now our members. They are no longer AMS – University doesn't feel responsible to cover for student activity fees.

Farzam-Kia – They can pay their own fees for the transition year though.

Welsh – if we waited a year, it will become permanent what with the University looking to squeeze money out of everywhere. They are open about squeezing students – exemplified by trying to up the res fees. Unfortunately, they may try to fight over the few thousand dollars. They tried very hard to not only to prevent BEd students to pay these fees but also to make them continue paying AMS only fees. The deal that we reached is frankly the best we could have gotten.

Osterberg – Witnessed the chaos of SGM. We must move on. Let's come to some general agreement in principle. We should be responsible for what money we spend. We shouldn't hold a moral debate over every single one of the motions. Keep in mind that we are not necessarily going to spend all the money – some of these will fail.

Welsh – Could Speaker please limit questions of the same content/theme.

Speaker – Please refrain from being repetitive.

Webb – Can we take what the Law students did as our precedence? Make it official that they will pay the fee they have paid in the past and specify the year that the fee reduction will come back to as proposed.

Welsh – (has been asked to clarify:) move to let reduction come into play not this year to allow groups to make adjustments then to let reduction come into play? Yes, that could work for a few things that are both SGPS and AMS funded.

Farzam-Kia – This is a one time thing? But you said there is no guarantee either that this will indeed be just a one time thing. What if University next year argues that we continue to pay this fee?

Ceci – Background on how the fee system works for AMS; for both fall and winter terms, all recipients can participate in referendum to make fee changes; BEd students seceded after all these processes so that recipients were not able to accommodate this change of 700 people in their budget for the upcoming year. VP Academics interpreted and set as a precedence that the seceding members are still effectively members of the original Society until September 1 because the student group was part of the Society when the current fees were being negotiated and participated in the negotiation that way. AMS also abides by democratic processes and will honour this process this year and hold to the future fee arrangements as discussed.

Osterberg – Increased revenue from BEd students will cover these anyway. So existing members won't be financially limited. Could Sean Richards clarify this? Is this one-year pay out going to drain our resources significantly in a long run?

Richards – No, in terms of the day-to-day operation and current services, given our expenses are covered by active revenues.

Webb – Might set a bad precedent and we may be asked when things get tight that parties come to the SGPS to make a one-year pay out. I am speaking against this series of motions and all motions that will attempt to achieve a similar objective in the future.

Welsh – Suggest perhaps moving to table the series of these motions until later the meeting and discuss Webb's suggestion. Especially in terms of the jointly and non-jointly funded services.

Webb's proposal: LSS became SGPS. A mediation was settled that LSS was part of AMS and approved fees and budget, they were responsible for these fees. This is a reasonable with a caveat for this one year. Next year, BEd students will be members of SGPS but will pay all the joint fees and will pay the proposed reduced fee starting 2010-2011.

Farzam-Kia – This money will otherwise be our revenue by generating interest. This will in fact affect our budget negatively. The BEd contribution is NOT going into the bank – it just comes into the operation and our funds will remain reduced. I suggest that they honour their original fee arrangement and SGPS does research on how the fees have worked out and come back to this.

Stevens – Clarification; we don't collect any money – Registrar does. Fact that we are deciding this post BOT meeting, we cannot contribute to any of these fees by any other means than this. It just comes down now to the question of do we do this, or let these services suffer. We now cannot submit any further changes.

Richards – BOT deferred fee changes yet so there is a chance before June to make these changes.

Ceci – AMS membership fee will not be paid and SGPS membership fee will be paid; but all the various fees that they did commit to will be paid.

Jackson – In favour of this motion. I do not believe it appropriate for BEd students to be demanded to pay themselves out given that their referendum specified that they will accept SGPS instead of AMS fees. Will this also affect both the joint and AMS-specific fees?

Welsh – If Council wants to move forward to demand the BEd student to pay for full SGPS fees for shared services for one year, I won't oppose it. However, seeing that precedent appears to be the concern, we suggest that we do not follow the precedent of LSS and have ESS student continue paying into AMS fees now that ESS members are now SGPS members. This really obscures all our discussions with AMS and VP Academics – this will be a bad precedent. We shouldn't have our members pay other society fees and I would rather us just pay out of these. I will pay out of my pocket if to be able to not have to deal with this again. I am very strongly against Webb's suggestion.

Webb – Agree that Welsh worked very hard towards giving us this power. However, we can use LSS precedent in a way that is more equitable.

Speaker – Exhausted Speaker's list. Let us go back to the original motion.

Farzam-Kia – If we vote this down, doesn't mean money will not come from elsewhere, correct? Wish to clarify that this motion failing will not mean the service will be left financially unaided.

Welsh – wish to clarify that which fees are jointly funded by SGPS and AMS by mandatory fees. Campus acc; walkhome, CFRC, Queen's Journal; Legal Aid; Campus Observation Room; sexual Assault Crisis Centre; TALK; work bursary. Remaining are AMS only and SGPS does not pay into this.

Webb – Can we do an omnibus?

Oserberg – Let us not because of what happened at the last meeting.

in favour: 12 # opposed: 1 # abstentions: 0

Carried.

MOTION

05/12/09:6

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$4719.53) to the Walk Home Service from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Welsh – In favour. This is an extremely important service. Initiated after cases of violence against students on campus at night.

Lin – In favour. Walk home was denied a fee increase by SGPS which is already a revenue shortfall. The wait time is already long because they are short staffed and wait time issue will worsen with further shortfall.

Ceci – How are the figures arrived at?

Welsh – formula was devised by the ED and approved by Exec; simply multiplied the fee the service will be losing by number of BEd students. I am confident the figures are quite accurate.

Richards - # ESS students x AMS fee - # ESS students X SGPS; more complex for opt outable fees, but same concept.

in favour: 12 # opposed: 0 # abstentions: 1

Carried.

MOTION

05/12/09:7

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$1290.87) to CFRC 101.9FM from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Welsh – campus and community radio; largely funded by students; programming available to both SGPS and AMS and some jobs are open also to SGPS members and SGPS members volunteer. In favour.

in favour: 12 # opposed: 0 # abstentions: 1

Carried.

MOTION

05/12/09:8

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$1195.25) to the Queen's Journal from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Welsh – In favour. Regardless of the quality of writing, this is the only official information source on issues on campus. Journal has been proactive this year and to include SGPS.

Stevens – In favour. Since their previous failures, they have made the effort of being a positive relationship with SGPS.

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$1632.37) to the Work Bursary Program from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Welsh – SGPS, AMS, University jointly pay into it.
Ceci – For students with financial needs.

in favour: 12 # opposed: 0 # abstentions: 1
Carried.

MOTION

05/12/09:14

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$2561.25) to the After Hours Medical Clinic from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Welsh – SGPS does not pay into this service, partially because it is a new service. Largely nursing and medical students work in it. Model adopted from elsewhere and will begin operation this upcoming year. SGPS will soon be approached next year. Will be detrimental for them to take a hit for September.

in favour:12 # opposed: 0 # abstentions: 1
Carried.

MOTION

05/12/09:15

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$2390.50) to Queen's Bands from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Ceci – An AMS club; have been on campus for well over 100 years; have gone from 14 founding members to over 100 members and are open to all students; valuable service to alumni events and good representation of Queen's
Osterberg – Was originally going to express reservation, but realized this is not a specific fee – this is of a value to the overall university as an integral. We don't wanna be seen as a certain one type of university- we wanna be a multi-dimensional one; this is a culturally enriching one, so in favour.

in favour:11 # opposed: 2 # abstentions: 1
Carried.

MOTION

05/12/09:16

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$2390.50) to the Queen's First Aid Unit from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Welsh – Is a valuable service for peak times such as the orientation week
Ceci – Available throughout the year; all volunteers and all students
Osterberg – Can this operate off campus?
Ceci – Yes, it serves all Queen's functions that operate off campus
Webb – In favour; in labs, dangerous issues do occur and the volunteers are punctual and professional
Fralick – In favour; also for the safety of grad and professional students

Carried unanimously.

MOTION**05/12/09:17**

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$1366.00) to Golden Words from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Welsh – Humorous periodical. grad students have been involved at many levels

Ceci – A long history; one of the most heavily followed by Eng alumni; free.

Stevens – They will not lose at the SGPS referendum if they came, but I wouldn't be proud to say we just gave over \$1300 for a fun publication.

Ceci – In favour especially for the fact that this is part of the culture.

Lin – Is Golden Words online? Alumni can follow online.

*- tied – policy dictates that the Speaker breaks the tie.

Speaker voted in favour after much deliberation. Reminded that this motion will need to pass the second reading.

in favour: 5 # opposed: 5 # abstentions: 2

Speaker voted in favour.

Carried.

MOTION**05/12/09:18**

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$580.55) to the Sexual Health Resource Centre from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Welsh – Despite their invisibility, they are an actual centre and volunteer oriented.

Osterberg – In favour as the older student group for the incoming younger and wily

Pursell – In favour.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION**05/12/09:19**

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$5443.51) to the Student Constables from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Ceci – Senate and BOT ratified; all alcoholic functions will require Stu Con; for control and crowd control; safety; non-academic discipline system integrated; insurance, liability...

Osterberg – this service polices us so poorly; all experiences have been hideous; equity issues have come up; this is not a big financial burden and although I agree in principal, the service is poorly run and we have no say in this.

Webb – against; no string attached for the payment; grad students are significantly older than many Stu Cons which creates a bit of authority issue; maybe this calls for a policy change to hire mature students

Stevens – against; heard a lot of dissatisfaction; too much of a burden for SGPS for what we don't get anything out of

Ceci – complaints will be appreciated as an improvement point; the issue of SGPS students being older is an unfortunate consequence of the Constables following the mandatory principle; I think this is a better system than hiring individuals with no affiliation with the university; they are also rigorously rained

Lin – In favour; valuable critical service especially for Frosh week; because this is a big chunk of money for them

Ceci – 4 additional fees that are optional and not on here. How are these going to be affected? I have a personal plea of the Union Gallery to consider these.

Welsh – Optional fees we did not seek introduce or change these fees given that they are optional. We have on average 80% students who pay the fees

Ceci – Clarification: these are however mandatory fees for AMS; the issue is that deficit for these fees will be devastating for these services even at 15-20% opt out fees

Welsh – We cannot predict how this will pan out; I can suggest that if these recipients do in fact experience some losses because of the BEd student secession, please let them know that they can contact us with specific information and then we will be open to discuss it.

in favour: 2 # opposed: 7 # abstentions: 3
Defeated.

Moved _____ *Welsh* _____ / _____ *Osterberg* _____ BIRT that this meeting be extended by half an hour.

in favour 11; #Opposed; 0 #abstention:1
Carried.

MOTION

05/12/09:20

Moved _____ *Welsh* _____ / _____ *Osterberg* _____ BIRT students enrolled in the B.Ed. program pay an SGPS membership fee, Student Centre fee, and CFS fee at a rate of 50% of the SGPS annual rate.

Speaker – we need 2/3 majority because I am interpreting this as a policy change.

Welsh – These are the only fees that we have a direct control over. It would be highly congruous for us to financially aid the group by giving money to other services and bodies but not reduce our own fees.

Osterberg – Highly in favour. These students are really gone and no access is there. Charging them a full amount when they cannot physically access these is simply unfair.

Stevens – Wish to introduce a friendly amendment to remove the CFS fee.

Welsh –CFS agreed to the reduction so I am against this amendment..

Stevens – if you are traveling, CFS usage may actually increase so I am in favour of this motion.

Carried unanimously.

Moved _____ *Stevens* _____ / _____ *Nosrat* _____ to remove CFS fee from this motion.

Motion as amended: BIRT students enrolled in the B.Ed. program pay an SGPS membership fee and Student Centre fee at a rate of 50% of the SGPS annual rate.

Ceci – Are these students on campus for 4 months only?

Welsh – Yes

Papoutsis – Same question as *Ceci*; what's the cut off for reducing the fee for other programs? My program also puts students on placements of 6 months starting next year

Welsh – If the students are on campus for 4 months.

Farzam-Kia – This 50% threshold is not really there as a provision. Quite a few students are here for less than 12 months. We have to make an official criteria and be consistent. Under policy 14.18, Councillors must be given at least 10 days to consider policy changes. This did not occur in this case.

Speaker – Correct point. Motion cannot be considered – must be considered out of order. The motion can be reintroduced at a later date. My ruling is that Councillors did not receive the appropriate notification in advance, as per our policies and bylaws.

Osterberg – Council discussed this issue at the General Meeting.

Speaker – Please move to challenge if you object to the ruling.

Moved _____ *Osterberg* _____ / _____ *Welsh* _____ to challenge ruling.

in favour: 7 # opposed: 3 # abstentions: 2

Carried.

Rosner – Must strike this motion because I violated our own policy. We do not have the minutes from GM and I did not attend that meeting so we cannot be sure.

Osterberg – This is a direct result of our discussion from the GM so that discussion can be considered as an appropriate warning. Most of the members here tonight were present at SGM so are appropriate to discuss and consider this motion.

Stevens – In favour

Lin – Clarification: BOT approves our proposed changes; if this motion is ruled out, how does it affect our proposed changes?

Welsh – They will simply be assessed standard SGPS fees

Farzam-Kia – Against. This specific policy provision is in here to prevent last minute changes at will; this motion was considered a done deal and was never actually passed; Notice has to be clearly be a notice, rather than things being said of possibly coming up or not; by GM, we had a full notice;

Welsh – In favour. Let the motion to stand; Courts of Ontario have ruled cases what constitutes a constructive notice, which can be any number of things in various forms; this has been discussed at Council since January; this is NOT an out-of-blue motion that arbitrarily came up on an unsuspecting membership. We have just approved giving lots of money away and for us to not reduce our own fee for this population is a bad case and ramifications can be shameful.

Challenge Carried Unanimously

Moved _____ *Nosrat* _____ / _____ *Welsh* _____ to quell discussion on challenging the ruling.

Farzam-Kia – I wish to discuss this issue of challenging this ruling. To challenge this ruling is a bad case because we are directly violating our own policy by doing that.

Welsh – Point of privilege to oppose *Farzam-Kia*'s speaking. *Farzam-Kia* is not a Councillor so unless a Council wishes to bring this up, let us stop the discussion and move to vote right away.

Speaker – *Welsh*'s point is not taken. Go straight to vote.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION

05/12/09:21

Whereas the SGPS Executive followed the rules as set out in B.12; and

Whereas the three commissioners successfully completed their evaluations.

Moved _____ *Osterberg* _____ / _____ *Nosrat* _____ BIRT the SGPS ratify *Diala Habib* to the position of Social Commissioner, *Sean Richards* to the position of Communications Commissioner and *Usman Mushtaq* to the position of Equity Commissioner.

Osterberg – Everyone is great. They deserve it.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION

05/12/09:22

Whereas the SGPS has modified pay rates for Executive and Staff; and

Whereas the SGPS has added Staff positions; and

Whereas the SGPS Policies need to be updated to reflect these changes.

Moved Welsh / Nosrat BIRT the SGPS Policies be ratified as amended.

Speaker – this is just a housekeeping change to reflect recent changes that we have already passed and approved.

Welsh – changes are already approved at AGM and we just need to change the numbers.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION

05/12/09:23

Whereas the minutes of the March Annual General Meeting are part of the appendices of this meeting.

Moved Osterberg / Welsh BIRT the minutes of the March Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, August 4th 2009.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11th, 2009.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

05/12/09:24

Moved Welsh / Stevens BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried unanimously.

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Attached:

AGM 2009 Minutes

Reports

Final Working Draft May 4 2009 Governing Framework for Graduate Studies

Client Survey