



society of graduate & professional students
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27

MINUTES

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council
Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Tuesday, November 10th, 2009, 5:30pm
Room 240 JDUC

1. Presentations

International Tuition Awards – Representative from Graduate Studies

Background of international tuition awards.

Every incoming international student gets \$5K. In tent was to remove barriers to students coming to Queen's.

225 current awards with 50 coming – 260 est. Departments are saying requirement to award these awards is a barrier to admitting students who do not need the award. No alternatives for students other than gov't/external awards. Revision ITAs mandatory for grad students, but up to dept for Masters. Departments also have an ITA allowance, past this they need to dip into GSAs. 260 full coverage of PhD students.

Marvin – what about availability based on financial need?

Branda - This is not determined by the dept, done by student awards.

Nosrat - How many int students have you spoken to re this issue

Brenda - The grad coordinators are bring this to the departments. Depts will develop their own policies and methods for allocating awards

Andrew Stevens – what is the deadline for this proposal?

Brenda - First Monday of Dec

Osterberg – speaking as art hist student, the uni does not get funding from the gov't. Intl students are strained to support these students. This freedom gives

the faculty more flexibility. It is not simply a matter of removing money from intl students, there are other factors at play. Urge you to bring this to your department and see how they experience problems

- Departments are saying the rules are so prescriptive (for the arts) that they have trouble. Hard sciences have more money to reallocate to ITA

Silvia – Can this discession be given to departments while keeping them accountable for providing ITAs. Such as allocating the quota then determining their policy for additional students, w or wo ITAs.

Brenda – this is what we want, they use the quota first then have the option to grant wo ITAs.

Silvia – How do we know potential students are not declined based on lack of funding.

Brenda – No – departments are sensitive to this issue, don't want to appear that they are declining on money not on merit. Stated intent is recruiting on merit.

Jerome – Is it possible to know the difference between incoming intl student vs can student.

Br. – Intls have not incoming money (from gov't) and tuition differential is ~\$7K.

Mark – Thanks to speaker and be aware of deadline.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

11/10/09:1

Moved _____ Osterberg _____ / _____ Chad _____ BIRT the agenda for November 10th, 2009 be adopted.

Amendment to move motion 16 ahead of motion 15.

Nosrat/Bae

PASSED

MOTION

11/10/09:2

Moved _____ Chad _____ / _____ Andrew Ross _____ BIRT the minutes for October 13th, 2009 be accepted.

PASSED

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

a) President – Vicky Bae (report attached)

No additional comments, but emphasize capital commitment comments to Queen's center.

b) VP Graduate – David Thompson (report attached)

Working on Academic Affairs Standing Committee, looking at issues on increased enrolment and the impact on grad life, esp TAs TFs.

c) VP Professional – Kate Kahn (report attached)

Any questions ask me.

d) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Steve Osterberg (report attached)

Nov 5th day of action. Queen's has a history of not being active, but collected several hundred postcards, mostly undergrads. Any TAs of first or sec years courses come to me to pass out postcards to sent to Premier.

Working on water sustainability on campus – availability and quality of water fountains.

Ingersoll – can anyone participate

- yes

Bae – Can you advise people what they are and how to use them

- Letters addressed to petition Ont Premier to lower tuition fees. Idea is to flood the office w demand.

Jarek Piwowarczyk – can we get this to W campus

- in the works

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

Auditors Nov 23rd, highlight wage and stipend increases – strong need for more 'man hours' to perform admin. Forseeing \$10-15 increase in activity fees. 1.

Wage and stipend for exec, commissioners – wage has not increased w inflation and increased work load. 2. Introduce new Excec assistant position to support exec.

Speed – are women involved in this job (ref to 'man power')?

- 'personnel power'

Sp – need ppl to apply for CRO,

f) Speaker – Mark Rosner (no report)

MOTION

11/10/09:3

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

Passed

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

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

Why the SCAM approach rather than full audit. Seems like an evasion. Allocation of funds for grad space – Queen's 6th in footage for grad students. Much of space allocated to new programs make space more dilute. Also included kinesiology dept. There is still concern over space in specific cases.

Asking for data on number of TAs and money allocated to them.

Commissioner on Equity – what policies exist for senior hiring? This is based on internal policy, need a watch on informal decisions and data collection for accountability.

Contract hiring addressed – not meeting diversity requirements, trying to track but lost data. Working on preparing a report on actions since 2003.

School of Grad Studies back to division structure. Hope there is discussion on issue of representation. Senate approved in principle grad student support.

Sylvia – how will the ITAs feedback come? Individual or collective?

Stevens – hard to get a consensus, we believe every student should get an ITA. Maybe pass a motion here to get a SGPS policy, or work with your grad reps. Work with SGPS would have to be quick (ie tonight) for official policy

Social committee Diala Habib

Pass along ideas social@sgps.ca

No additions to Comm Commissioner

Grad council boards

International Tuition Awards – lack of guidelines and oversight, problem is it's up to unaccountable depts., unable to collect individual student financial situations. Needs to be addresses by SGPS + depts. Email deans and cc SGPS in suggesting changes. Spread the word to intl students.

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: Vacant

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) International Student Coordinator – Aasma Khan (no report)

MOTION

11/10/09:4

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

Passed

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

Marvin Ferrer

Proposal for 5 depts to merge into one. Worried that depts. Are steamrolled, making decision by January. Chair of committee not allowing individual dept comments. No changes proposed for grad programs, but this is not likely. Ir provision for not rehiring for retired positions. Not enough details provided

Bae – other ten the town hall meeting, how much notice was there about the report?

- the week before meeting, report not until just before meeting
- Bae- was there an opportunity for internal discussion?
- Jess Hickey – it was a closed committee, so info was not available.

Pursell – committee with two grad reps, opinions not included. No real op for input.

- neuroscience was discussed at a high level (profs cross appointed)

Bae – 1. Students in this prog will be effected. Eg women studies changing to gender studies, not sure how to transition students. 2. When the programs merge or are eliminated, there is no clear policy to follow. Bring this to Academic Development committee, which I sit on.

Marvin – I was directed to academic affairs committee.

Dave – this is why we need the committee.

Pursell – big issue is time and coordinating an organized lobby

Jerome James – Students are worried 2 week vacation is not enough time esp for going overseas to visit home. Students are feeling constrained. Call for discussion on vacation time.

Osterberg – was on SGS committee- originally a problem that students were getting no vacation. Didn't form official policy, but left it to supervisors to mediate. Suggest coming to student advisors if advocacy is needed.

Osterberg – from the art dept. talking about grad enrolment. Ont at a 26:1 student ration, would need 4,000 new profs. To match US, Ont needs 9,000. Contact time for students and profs is getting worse. 14 profs in arts by 2014, and less grad admittance. Undergraduate student enrolment is continuing to go up. Departments where papers are not required until 3rd year.

Speed – Are you asking for more grads and fewer undergrads?

Osterberg – we want the department to know is is the ration that is the issue.

Andrew- the departments probably have the same concerns

Steve.Osterberg Go to OCUFA for info.

Sylvia – re the ITA, can I expect the SGPS to stand on this issue

Sp. The exec are aware of the issue, but can also pass a motion to bind policy.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

MOTION

11/10/09:5

Whereas the Housing Committee has recommended to hire Queen's Business Consulting to do a feasibility study on the Housing Authority,

Whereas the Executive has recommended to explore the feasibility of a SGPS cafe on campus,

Whereas Queen's Business Consulting has made a proposal to do a feasibility study on both recommendations for the same price,

Moved Nosrat / Church BIRT that the Contingency budget line under Non-Schedule budget items in the 2009-2010 be increased by \$3500 to compensate Queen's Business Consulting as outlined in Appendix 1 to the October Council Meeting.

Osterberg – back gorund – we hired them for \$3,500 to add analysis to housing project. They are working now and the motion is to reallocate budget.

PASSED

MOTION

11/10/09:6

Whereas the Housing Committee was established in Council's August session,

Whereas the Housing Committee along with the Executive were charged with the task of initiating the process of establishing a separate Housing Authority which remains subservient to the SGPS,

Whereas the Housing Committee along with the Executive have made preparations for the establishment of a new Housing Authority,

Moved _____ Nosrat _____ / _____ Osterberg _____ BIRT that the Housing Committee, along with the Executive, establish a separate non-profit Corporation in accordance with local, provincial, and federal laws in a timely manner.

Nosrat point of order – this was tabled until December meeting.

Overruled

MOTION to table motion until December meeting

Moved by Nosrat/Pat

PASSED

7. Main Motions

MOTION

11/10/09:7

Whereas the SGPS executive followed the rules set out in B.12.2 and

Whereas the Hiring Committee has selected the following candidate to take over the position of Equity Commissioner,

Moved ___ Kate _____ / _____ Marvin _____ BIRT Sophia Virani be ratified to the position of Equity Commissioner.

Kate – interviewed many candidates and felt Sophia was best based on her publications and interview. Hope you support her choice.

PASSED

MOTION

11/10/09:8

Whereas the Executive has expressed interest in establishing long term objectives and plans for the SGPS,

Moved ___ Amir Nosrat _____ / _____ Bae _____ BIRT that a Special Committee be struck hereafter referred to as the Strategic Planning Special Committee (SPSC); and

BIFRT that the SPSC be charged with developing methods for drafting a Strategic Plan,

BIFRT that the SPSC recommend a 2 year strategic plan for the SGPS to Council in a timely manner,

BIFRT that the SPSC recommend a permanent body within the SGPS that will regularly review the 2 year strategic plan and draft new ones when necessary.

Nosrat – strategic planning committee for SGPS. Pilot committee for consistent policy and direction.

Bae – Is there any reason why it is a 'special' committee?

Nosrat – following constitutional format.

Osterberg – Disagree, this overlaps on my and our roles. No need for special committee to perform this task. The motivation seems to be for more consistent policy, but that is part of the election process, incoming execs should have ability to reshape policy. Also, committee actions are not binding.

Pat – this is a good idea, good to provide long term goals. The exec may not be accountable, but having a long term plan a purpose is still beneficial.

Nosrat – Appreciate the criticism, but this is not a permanent body. Part of the problem is information cannot be passed on year to year. Overarching goals would benefit from such a committee. This also reduces repeating effort

Speed- is a one year committee making a two year plan? Aren't committee members only on the committee on for one year.

Sp. Yes, unless otherwise stipulated

Speed – What issues is this committee going to address that an annual exec can't?

Nosrat – A big part of this is establishing identity and standing goal. Eg increased lobbying and housing programs – not possible for a one year exec. Differentiate btw long + short term plans.

Speed – if long term goals are real, they will carry over. Seems committee is unnecessary. Adds bureaucracy and for resume padding.

Nosrat – eg lobby on OHIP coverage for intl students who pay taxes. Every incoming exec has failed to carry this on. Not possible w/o continuity.

Martin – are we not asking for job descriptions.

Kate – more about communication and structure than overarching goals

Chad Edwards – good idea, but should be 5 yr

Motion, Moved by Chad/Pat TO AMEND motion to read 5 years instead of 2 years.

Nosrat – time period is not at the heart of the motion, possibly too much conflict from present, do not support.

Pat – doesn't matter, but 5 years not a bad length of time

Marvin – unless anyone reviews, does the number matter?

CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by Bae/Lucia

PASSES

AMENDMENT 17 yea 22 nay

AMENDMENT FAILS

Jarek – agree. ESS was not passed info from last year, continuity is a major problem. Transition reports and meetings are not enough. The stance may not be the same, but help for students is.

Diala – seems like a transition problem. Lots of learning as you go. Longterm goals must be passed on.

Bae – for – the issue of institutional memory is a big problem in student government. Transition process can be good or bad, but misses opportunities when it doesn't work. Seems to overlap with HR committee. Once the committee is more clarified, we will have a better idea of goals and how to support them.

Osterberg – against - May be moot if committee can only recommend and only volunteers, not elected.

Speed – against – Maybe have special committees for specific issues, this committee seems too broad. For transition the onus is on the incoming candidate. People who run on on eissue don't seek transition information.

Ryan Jeffery – If this overlaps with (Osterberg's) position, how do we adapt.

Osterberg – transition is often not followed through by out going exec

Nosrat – this committee is intended to prepare strategic plans, this is not binding on specific plans. The question is whether strategic planning is necessary.

Nadia – the wording seems you want a strategic planning committee.

Osterberg – does the committee propose methods for developing plans or does it recommend a plan?

Nosrat – the intent is to emphasize the need for a strategic plan

MOTION AMENDMENT remove last two BIRT sections

Nosrat/Jarek

Pat –against - the amendment makes the committee pointless.
Marvin – against - it still says we want a plan, not that we need a plan
Bae – Can Nadia explain what amendment she would like to see.
Nadia – would prefer last

MOTION CALL THE QUESTION
Amir/Steve
PASSED
AMENDMENT FAILS

CALL THE QUESTION
Edwards/Bae
PASSED

Original Motion unamended PASSES 26 yea 13 nay

MOTION

10/11/09:9

Whereas Queen's University has already made a firm commitment to sustainability and advanced energy systems as witnessed by the integration of solar power in Goodwin Hall; and

Whereas the Queen's University has enough expert knowledge and viable roof space to take advantage of the feed in tariff established by the Ontario Power Authority, and generate significant revenue as outlined by Dr. Pearce; and

Whereas this would also allow Queen's University to be more environmentally friendly and establish itself as a leader in renewable energy and Green Building – something it currently lacks proven by the C grade for Green Building, and an overall grade of B- in the latest College Sustainability Report Card

Moved __Ivana_____ / ___Steve_____ BIRT the SGPS Sustainability Special Committee conducts a more detailed analysis of large scale PV deployment on campus, and investigate the feasibility of the proposal for solar rooftop energy production at Queen`s University as outlined by Dr. Pearce of the Mechanical and Material's Engineering Department in Appendix E; and

BIFRT the SGPS Sustainability Special Committee offer a recommendation of endorsement to Council if it sees benefit in the proposal in a timely manner.

Ivana - There is a commitment to developing sustainable energy. There are subsidies available and would add to Queen`s reputation. B- from Green Colleges review. Want to perform a study to develop a plan, then report back.

What is PV?

Photo voltaic

Jerome – the reason this is profitable is the provincial freedom tariff provides incentive of producing green energy. Any we put into the grid we get 10x the price it costs to buy equiv power. Promotes sustainable power and is profitable.

Bae – for – why a specific committee instead of using sustainability committee?
(Typo in agenda)

Speed – ability to make money is not most important part, emphasize green leadership

Andrew – why should the SGPS in particular take this task on as opposed to another body

Ivana – money and prestige. Also a worthy cause.

Jerome – we could be the first university to be entirely solar powered or mostly solar powered. This would add international recognition.

Ryan – is this a special committee?

Ivana - no

Ryan – what is the cost to the committee

Ivana – none foreseen, physical plant did do a major review prior to “feed in tariff”

CALL THE QUESTION

Amir/Steve

PASSED

PASSED

2nd Reading of Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

MOTION TO EXTEND meeting 1/2 hour

Edwards/Vickie

Passed

MOTION

10/11/09:10

Moved ___Steve_____ / _____Jess_____ 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."

Osterberg – to address issue of graduation in the middle of term and eligibility to retain a position. Allows if there is six months left in term and cannot seek reelection.

Chad – in favour, wants to proxy vote.
Sp. Must be done in advance, proxy denied.

Jerome – Is there a way to address more time left in term.
Osterberg – no, the six months stands in this amendment. In part to avoid by-elections – the six months is arbitrary, but the logic is to have execs that are invested in the position and student interests.
Nadia- Rather than six months, why not until end of semester?
Osterberg – that is the intention in providing 6 months

Bae – for – six months is more than enough eg AMS you must be a student continuously.
Andrew – are they required to be in Kingston
Osterberg – no

CALL THE QUESTION
Nosrat/Golder
PASSED

Motion Carries

MOTION

10/11/09:11

Moved ___Jess _____ / ___Bae _____ 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;"

Motion Carries

MOTION

10/11/09:12

Moved ___Hickney_____ / ___Osterberg_____ 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;"

Sp. In preparation for new position of Education Student Senator Stevens – debate in Senate over membership, still unresolved. Senate subcommittee interested in expanding student representation. In addition, these new members are necessary before one is deemed an education representative.

MOTION to table until next By-Law meeting in March

Amir/Andrew Ross

Osterberg – why not pass now and see if the position is created, if the position is likely to come through. Otherwise there is too much waiting to include them in our council

Nosrat – by-law changes require council or referendum

Sp. Changes need two meetings, one must be AGM

WITHDRAWN

MOTION: AMENDMENT to have 'j' read "all senators who are elected and are members of the SGPS"

Stevens/Andrew

MOTION TO TABLE to March

Nosrat/Andrew

Osterberg – against – the issue is the wording, to increase participation

Bae – need amendment to protect education representation

Andrew for – we can work it out later

Welsh for – this can be worked out later

Nosrat – no comfortable making changes on vague reasoning, not to exclude

Osterberg – the wording is clear, Senators and SPGS members should automatically have Council membership. Tabling will delay possibly two years as education students are at a disadvantage due to placement

MOTION TO TABLE FAILS

AMENDMENT PASSED

MAIN MOTION PASSED

MOTION

10/11/09:13

Moved ___Amir_____ / ___Marvin_____ 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."

Stevens – these positions do not exist yet, but departments are already determining internal representation policies. We need to have SGPS policies and positions in new organization. Maybe we can just have all appointments go through Council

Nosrat – we need to avoid generic terms and ad hoc solutions in the bylaws

MOTION TO TABLE until March

Stevens/Bae

PASSED

EXTEND MEETING ½ hour

Marcia/Marvin

MOTION

10/11/09:14

Moved ___Bae_____ / ___Nadia_____ 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."

Stevens – we are acting on only verbal agreements for increased student representation

Jared – what about two under grad ed reps and two grad.

Bae – this is

AMENDMENT to amend A1 to read VP Graduate

Bae/Dave

Bae – this is more in line with the VP Graduate duties.

Speed – Cultural studies has problems with representation

AMENDMENT PASSED

MOTION TO TABLE to general meeting in March

Speed/

Stevens is one program stalling these representatives

WITHDRAWN

MAIN MOTION PASSED

Proposed Policy amendments:

MOTION

10/11/09:16 (now)

Whereas the SGPS has recently created the positions of Sustainability Coordinator, International Students Coordinator, and Education Coordinator as appointees of Council,

Whereas the pay for the mentioned appointees have been budgeted for the 2009-2010 fiscal year; and

Whereas the pay for the mentioned appointees cannot be released until ratified at a General Meeting.

Moved Nadia / Jess BIRT that P.2.5.1 be amended as follows to read:

a. Stipends are paid monthly, with the total amount paid over the term of responsibility being as follows:

- (1) President \$8179.50
- (2) VP Graduate \$6672.75
- (3) VP Professional \$6672.75
- (4) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs \$6672.75
- (5) VP Finance and Services \$6672.75
- (6) Equity Commissioner \$3000.00
- (7) Social Commissioner \$3000.00
- (8) Communications Commissioner \$3000.00
- (9) Committee Coordinator \$1537.50
- (10) Equity Coordinator \$1500.00
- (11) Layout Coordinator \$1500.00
- (12) Speaker \$1025.00
- (13) Webmaster Coordinator \$1600.00
- (14) Education Coordinator \$1500.00
- (15) Sustainability Coordinator \$1500.00
- (16) International Students Coordinator \$1500.00

BIFRT that the payment of the mentioned coordinators be released immediately in accordance with SGPS hiring and appointing policies.

MOTION AMENDMENT Education Coordinator budget changed from \$1,500 to \$1,000

What were the previous budgets

Sp. No budget

AMENDMENT PASSED

PASSED

Proposed Policy amendments:

MOTION

10/11/09:15 (now)

Moved Amir / Jarek BIRT that P. 2.1.10 be added and read as follows:

P. 2.1.10 The International Students Coordinator

The Duties of the International Students Coordinator

- a. The International Students Coordinator shall endeavor to foster an increased awareness of issues facing international students on campus and work towards finding and implementing means to address these issues with appropriate people and entities on and off campus.
- b. The International Students Coordinator shall attend and participate in the Equity Issues Standing Committee and the International Students Standing Committee.
- c. The International Students coordinator shall liaise directly with the Queens University International centre and participate as required in the Queens University International Centre's operations.
- d. The International Students Coordinator shall report to the Vice-President Campaigns and Community Affairs in order to advise the Society of Graduate and Professional Students on ways to better represent the needs of its membership.

Nosrat – need for intl student commissioner (ISC). This follows from previous years.

PASSED

MOTION

10/11/09:17

Moved Jess / Dave BIRT that P.6.2.11 be amended to read:

P.6.2.11 International Students Standing Committee

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b. ...

(4) The International Students Coordinator

PASSED

MOTION

10/11/09:18

Moved Steve Osterberg / Stevens BIRT P.6.2.5 Equity Issues Standing Committee be amended to read:

P.6.2.5 Equity Issues Standing Committee

...

C....

(3) The International Students Coordinator

PASSED

MOTION

10/11/09:19

Moved __Amir_____/ __Jess____ BIRT that P.5 SGPS Clubs be replaced with the following:

P.5 SGPS Clubs

P.5.1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide general guidelines for the registration and funding of SGPS clubs. The SGPS will encourage the creation and function of clubs whenever possible and will minimize hindrances in their activity. The SGPS recognizes that clubs serve the academic and social life of Graduate and Professional Students and the SGPS shall actively strive to meet their needs in a collaborative and proactive fashion. The SGPS shall minimize its interference with the governance and purpose of clubs to the extent that it does not violate the guidelines of this policy.

P.5.1.2 Definitions

- a. "Club" means an association of individual members of the SGPS ratified by the SGPS as a club and conforming to the conditions and obligations set out in this policy.
- b. "Club-applicant" means an association of individual members of the SGPS requesting certification as a club of the SGPS in conformity with the provisions set out in this Policy.
- c. "Discrimination" means any policy or practice that is discriminatory as defined in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

P.5.1.3 Jurisdiction

- a. All clubs registered with the SGPS shall be under the jurisdiction of the SGPS.
- b. As such, all clubs must conform to the conditions and obligations set out in this policy.
- c. No ordinary member of the SGPS shall be denied membership in any ratified club unless there is reason to believe that certain members may act in a manner not in the best interest of the SGPS and/or the club, in

which case a complaint can be filed with the Judiciary Committee in accordance with P.5.6.

P.5.1.4 Club Registration

- a. The Committee Coordinator shall administer the registration of clubs in accordance with P.5.
- b. The registration term of a club shall run from September 1st to August 31st of every calendar year.
- c. A club can apply for registration at any time of the year. The tenure of the club's registration shall extend until August 31st of the fiscal year in which it has been registered.

P.5.1.5 Club Registration Process

- a. All club-applicants seeking to be ratified by the SGPS must submit a Club Registration Form to the Committee Coordinator.
- b. The Club Registration Form shall contain the name, purpose, 5 signatures of SGPS members, and if possible, the intended plans of the club for the upcoming year. The Club Registration Form shall also contain the names of an elected President, Vice-President, and Secretary with relevant contact information and proof of SGPS membership.
- c. The Committee Coordinator shall ratify, register, and document all Club Registration Forms in accordance with this policy.
- d. Clubs are encouraged to provide a copy of their Constitution. Club-applicants may request the SGPS to offer assistance in drafting Constitutions. The Committee Coordinator shall be responsible for meeting the needs of any such requests.
- e. Club-applicants are guaranteed ratification provided that:
 - 1) they accord equal membership to any and all interested students, except in circumstances outlined in P.5.3c; and
 - 2) they ensure the democratic selection of its executive members; and
 - 3) they do not engage in any discriminatory acts, policies or practices.

P.5.1.6 Arbitration

Disputes arising between SGPS members, clubs, and/or the SGPS shall be arbitrated by the Judiciary Committee in accordance with their roles and responsibilities as outlined in SGPS Bylaws and Policies. Decisions of the Judiciary Committee are final.

P.5.1.7 Clubs Funding

- a. Any registered club under the jurisdiction of the SGPS shall be eligible for club funding by the SGPS.
- b. Clubs ratified by the SGPS are not restricted from receiving funding from other organizations; however, SGPS clubs cannot be ratified as a club with any other campus organization.

- c. The VP Finance and Services and/or the Finance and Services Standing Committee may request an interview with representatives of a club if they have any questions regarding the preliminary budget or any other matter that is relevant to accessing club funding.
- d. All club members must comply with the request for meeting from the VP Finance and Services and/or the Finance and Services Standing Committee in order to qualify for club funding.
- e. Funds shall be disbursed in the form of reimbursements.
- f. Procedure:
 - i. A Club Funding Application must be submitted to the VP Finance and Services. The content of the application shall be determined by the VP Finance and Services to serve the purposes of the Club Funding.
 - ii. The VP Finance and Services shall present the application to the Finance and Services Committee for review.
 - iii. The Finance and Services Committee shall have the authority to approve the application so long as it meets at least one aspect the Club Funding Eligibility Criteria as outlined in P.5.7g.
- g. The Club Funding Eligibility Criteria are:
 - i. serving to promote social life amongst the SGPS membership; or
 - ii. serving or promoting the academic interests of the SGPS membership; or
 - iii. to improve the image of the SGPS membership in Queen's University or the City of Kingston.
- h. A Club can be eligible to receive a Club Funding allocation of up to a maximum of \$250.00 in a fiscal year.

Nosrat – move responsibility form VP Finance to

AMENDMENT P5.1.5.b – strike word “elected” and P.5.1.5.e.2
Speed/Osterberg

Clubs work on consensus, not necessarily elections.

Nosrat – this may be a liability, should preserve the democratic wording

Jess – easing the process should make it easier

Bae – strike “elected” and keep second part

DIVIDE THE QUESTION strike and amend

Bae/Stevens

PASSED

Strike MOTION PASSED

Jess – maybe we should rephrase

Osterberg – e guarantees ratification of club presidents

MOTION TO STRIKE E.2 FAILED
MAIN MOTION PASSED

8. Other Business

- Committee Member Ratification

Bae – AMS made a fee to collect money from students to give to the university to support the Queen’s center. The SGPS has been asked to provide a commitment to operational costs as there is not official capital expenditure. We have been requested to discuss this at our council.

AMS has signed to provide \$25 million over 10 years. As we are a quarter the size, SGPS has been asked for \$4.5 million.

Nadia – under grad fee is \$75, next year \$140

Nadia – how much will this increase our fees.

Bae – we are not formally considering this, not yet proposed by university. This is whether we are interested in committing.

Pat We need to have this discussion, not clear what our commitment is to the Queen’s Center. Not a fan of the fee, but it is important to have a position.

MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING ½ HOUR
Bae/Dave
PASSED

Dmitri – can we get more information on how this money will be used?

Osterberg – We need this discussion, but now is not the time. Need to move to pressing issues.

Nosrat – The intent is to indicate we are open to discussing this issue

Bae – this was not from the university but from the AMS – we don’t want to feel pressured by the AMS to make such a large commitment

Sp. All fees have to be approved by referendum

Stevens – this has been an issue since 2003, which highlights our problem with continuity. We should maintain our position – No!

Bae – We need to be careful to set our own agenda rather than have other groups (AMS) set agenda.

MOTION

WHEREAS Queen’s university has made a commitment to equity

WHEREAS ITAs border on issues of equity

BIRT the SGPS only approves the proposed policy change regarding the ITAs provided that faculties and departments outline and follow clear equity guidelines in the distributions of the ITAs

Silvia/Dave/Andrew Stevens/Andrew Ross

Silvia – move to have ITAs non mandatory. Concern over admitting students on merit rather than financial status

Dave – the concern is that departments have ethics guidelines

Steve – can only qualify if student has ITA or third party funding ie SSHRC

Marvin – Problem is they cannot accept additional students because they can't afford them – don't see the equity issue

Andrew – based on the assumption they can bring more students and charge these students more. Based on faulty data collection – foreign students are claiming they have an ability to pay w/o funding, but it is not clear what this means.

Bae – we should clarify that it is socio-economic equity

MOTION TO AMEND to add "socio-economic" before equity

Bae/Stevens

Osterberg – leave it vague, otherwise it will exclude other dimensions such as race

WITHDRAWN

Jerome – if it is merit based, how is this exclusive

POINT OF ORDER Amir – discussion is becoming too broad

Silvia – Intent is to enshrine the values of equity into the admissions process.

Andrew – Equity is automatic if based on merit

Osterberg – we don't have to take a stand. This can be left to individual members. The SGPS does not need an official position on this issue

Nadia – If we need a definition of equity, we can refer this to the equity commissioner.

MOTION TO AMEND to add BTR clause to define equity as outlined in P.6.2.5

Nadia/Amir

PASSED

MOTION TO EXTEND ½ HOUR

Bae/Ross

PASSED

CALL THE QUESTION

Bae/Steve

PASSED

MAIN MOTION as amended

PASSED

MOTION

Whereas restructuring the basic sciences in the school of medicine as outlined in the proposal of the Dean's Advisory Group on Restructuring has the potential to greatly affect graduate students; and

Whereas the final recommendation to the School of Medicine Executive, School of Medicine Academic Council, and Faculty Board, set for January 2010, leaves graduate students with only a month and a half to issue their formal response

Moved __Marvin_____/ __Amir, Bae, Dave_____ BIRT the SGPS Executive lobby for an extension of the final recommendation deadline

BIFRT that the SGPS Executive request further consultation with the Dean's Advisory Group on Restructuring, and greater detail concerning the effects on graduate studies as a result of this restructuring.

PASSED

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, December 3rd, 2009.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2009.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

10/11/09:20

Bae/Andrew

PASSED

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

10/11/09

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Attached:

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Reports

Appendix A – Queen's Memo – International Tuition Award Feedback and Proposed Changes

Appendix B – Response to Senator Stevens question at Senate

Appendix C – Response to J. Welsh and Senator Stevens question at Senate

Appendix D – Senate Motion on Academic Amnesty

Appendix E – Proposal for solar rooftop energy production at Queen's University by Dr. Joshua Pearce of the Mechanical and Material's Engineering Department

Appendix F – QBC Consulting Review Criteria

Appendix G – Executive Director Position Review

Attendance**DATE: Tuesday, November 10th, 2009**

Department/Position	First Name	Last Name	Nov 10 2009
Aboriginal Rep	Dana	Wesley	X
Anatomy & Cell Biology	Marvin	Ferrer	X
Art History	Catherine	Copp	X
Biology	Chris	Harris	X
Biology	Chad	Edwards	X
Computing Science	Dumitru	Onceanu	X
Computing Science	Mohammed	Hussain	X
Cultural Studies	Shannon	Speed	X
Economics	Derek	Stacey	
Education - Graduate	Marcea	Ingersoll	X
Education Coordinator	Alessandro	La Gamba	X
Environmental Studies	Mike	McHugh	X
ESS President	Jarek	Piwowarczyk	X
French Studies	Aaron	Monteleone	X
German	Stefanie	Kullick	X
Law Senator	Pat	Welsh	X
Mature Student Rep	Jillian	Burford-Grinnell	X
Mechanical and Material Engineer	Jerome	James	X
Microbiology	Andrew	Purssell	X
Public Administration (MPA)	Tyler	Sutton	X
Neuroscience	Andrew	Pruszynski	X
Part Time Rep	Lisa	Hughes	X
Pathology	Mia	Golder	X
Pathology	Jess	Hickey	X
Philosophy	Andrew	Ross	X
Physics	Eoin	O'Dwyer	X
Political Studies	Charan	Rainford	X
Rector	Leora	Jackson	X
Sociology	Stephanie	Cork	X
Urban and Regional Planning	Ryan	Jeffrey	X
ChemEng (CEGSA REP)	Bob	Cockburn	X
SPEAKER *tie breaking vote only		Mark Rosner	X
DEPUTY SPEAKER		Neil Irvine	X
PRESIDENT		Vicky Bae	X
VP CAMPAIGNS & COMM AFFAIRS		Stephen Osterberg	X
VP FINANCE & SERVICES		Amir Nosrat	X
VP GRADUATE		David Thompson	X
VP PROFESSIONAL		Kate Kahn	X
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR		Sean Richards	X
SOCIAL COMMISSIONER		Diala Habib	X
RECTOR		Leora Jackson	X
GRAD SENATOR		Andrew Stevens	X
LAW SENATOR		Patrick Welsh	X