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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, December 13th, 2011, 5:30pm

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION

12/13/11:1

Moved: Cody Yorke (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Anne-Marie Grondin (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT the agenda for the December 13th, 2011 Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION

12/13/11:2

Moved: Cody Yorke (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Anne-Marie Grondin (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT the minutes for the November 8th, 2011 Council Meeting be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Irene Karagiorgakis (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Cody Yorke (report attached)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Andrea Phillipson (report attached)
- f. Speaker – Eric Rapos (report attached)

MOTION

12/13/11:3

Moved: Anne-Marie Grondin (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Andrea Phillipson (vpfs@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

4. Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

- a. Graduate Student Senator – Daniel Moore (report attached)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – Benjamin Grant (no report)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
 - i. Social Commissioner – Abdullah Abunafeesa (report attached)
 - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii. Equity Commissioner: Elizabeth Amirault (report attached)
 - iv. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner: Becky Pero (report attached)
- e. Other Reports
 - i. Equity Coordinator – Aliya Kassam (combined with Equity Commissioner)
 - ii. International Students’ Affairs Coordinator: Holly McIndoe (combined with International Students’ Affairs Commissioner Report)
 - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Samantha Tavenor (report attached)
 - iv. Athletics Coordinator – Meaghan Frauts (report attached)
 - v. Logistics Coordinator – Chris Groten (no report)
 - vi. Planning Coordinator – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (no report)
 - vii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)
 - viii. Chief Returning Officer – Mikhail Kellawan (no report)
 - ix. Departmental Reports

MOTION

12/13/11:4

Moved: Anne-Marie Grondin (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Andrea Phillipson (vpfs@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee and Other Reports be accepted.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

7. Main Motions

MOTION

12/13/11:5

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Andrea Phillipson (vpfs@sgps.ca)

WHEREAS the Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee has determined the need for stronger policy for Human Resources,

WHEREAS Policy Section P.2 Personnel is largely related these issues,

BIRT SGPS Council tasks the Human Resources Committee to evaluate existing policy and to work with the SGPS Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee to rewrite Policy Section P.2 Personnel to be a section on Human Resources.

MOTION

12/13/11:6

Moved: Irene Karagiorgakis (vpg@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (president@sgps.ca)

WHEREAS the Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee has noticed no terms of reference currently exist for the Academic Affairs Standing Committee,

BIRT SGPS Council tasks the Academic Affairs Standing Committee to formulate terms of reference for their committee, to be added to the SGPS Policy section on Committees.

MOTION

12/13/11:7

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Andrea Phillipson (vpfs@sgps.ca)

WHEREAS the Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee has noticed no terms of reference currently exist for the Sustainability Standing Committee,

BIRT SGPS Council tasks the Sustainability Standing Committee to formulate terms of reference for their committee, to be added to the SGPS Policy section on Committees.

MOTION

12/13/11:8

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Andrea Phillipson (vpfs@sgps.ca)

WHEREAS the Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee has determined that there are many different interpretations of, and standard definitions for equity,

WHEREAS there is a need for consistency and clarity within the SGPS Bylaws and Policies,

BIRT SGPS Council tasks the Equity Issues Standing Committee to conduct a study on the most appropriate definition for the SGPS, and to work with the Bylaw and Policy Revisions Standing Committee to draft policy pertaining to the definition of Equity.

MOTION

12/13/11:9

Moved: Anne-Marie Grondin (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (president@sgps.ca)

WHEREAS Queen's recently and unilaterally suspended new admissions and upper-year transfers to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) program for the 2012-13 academic year based on an assessment of the faculty resources available to support the program; and

WHEREAS this decision sets a precedent for future closures, freezes, and amalgamations of undergraduate and graduate programs at Queen's; and

WHEREAS, under the "Purpose and Functions of Senate," the central function of Queen's Senate is to "determine all matters of an academic character that affect the University as a whole"; and

WHEREAS Senate is also authorized to "approve university-level policies relating to the academic mission and academic services including but not limited to policies related to admissions"; and

WHEREAS a petition is currently being circulated by campus community members asking that "the BFA admissions-freeze and all such contemplated freezes, closures, and amalgamations be henceforth submitted to the proper authority of Queen's Senate for approval," that "all such policy decisions (...) be based not only on financial or 'resources' criteria but on long-range academic considerations," and that the broader Queen's community be consulted in the process; and

WHEREAS a motion was passed at a recent annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students tasking the CFS Executive to write a letter to Queen's Administration asking that the aforementioned decision-making process be respected; therefore

BIRT Council endorse a letter to Queen's Senate requesting that admission freezes, closures, and amalgamations henceforth be considered by Senate and be given academic as well as financial consideration.

BIFRT individual Councilors be encouraged to sign the petition to this same effect
<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/noclosurewithoutprocess/>.

MOTION**12/13/11:10**Moved: Anne-Marie Grondin (vpcca@sgps.ca)Seconded: Andrea Phillipson (vpfs@sgps.ca)

WHEREAS Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is a crucial national institution which acquires and preserves documents relevant to Canada's cultural and historical heritage; and

WHEREAS LAC has a mandate to collect, preserve and make public a unified national collection; and

WHEREAS the services and resources of LAC are used by a large and diverse group including the general public, librarians, historians, professional writers, students, genealogists, Aboriginal communities, as well as researchers and scholars from virtually every discipline; and

WHEREAS current management at LAC has implemented changes that are having far-reaching implications including reduced public access, decentralization of the national collection, elimination of specialist positions, and reduced acquisitions; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of University Teachers has launched a campaign to 'Save Library and Archives Canada' (www.savelibraryarchives.ca) which calls for clarification of the LAC mandate, adequate funding, restoration of acquisitions and public services, and the cessation of defragmentation of the national collection;

BIRT Council endorse the campaign to Save Library and Archives Canada.

BIFRT Council send a letter to Heritage Minister Mr. James Moore and to the Librarian & Archivist of Canada Dr. Daniel Caron through the campaign website (transcript of the online letter in Appendix 1).

MOTION**12/13/11:11**Moved: Andrea Phillipson (vpfs@sgps.ca)Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (president@sgps.ca)

WHEREAS the Finance and Services Committee has reviewed the Dental Bursary Policy and recommends the following:

- the dental bursary program should be extended to include services that exceed the maximum coverage limit of the SGPS Dental Plan (currently at \$750)
- the dental bursary program should explicitly exclude emergency dental procedures that are covered at 100% by the Health and Dental Plan

BIRT SGPS Policy P.1.4 be repealed in its entirety and be replaced as seen Appendix 2. (Changes Tracked in Appendix 3)

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next regular SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday January 3rd, 2012.
- b. The next regular SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

12/13/11:12

Moved: Andrea Phillipson (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Daniel Moore (senator@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

November Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance November Council Meeting

December Reports

Appendices to Motions