



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

**AGENDA**

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council  
*Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students*  
Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2011, 5:30pm  
**Robert Sutherland Room, JDUC**

**1. Presentations**

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Barb Schlafer - Ban Righ Centre

**2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

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**MOTION**

**02/08/11:1**

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the agenda for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be adopted.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:2**

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the minutes for the January Council Meeting be accepted.

**3. Executive and Speaker Reports**

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- a) President – Jawad Qureshy (report attached)
- b) VP Graduate – Daniel Moore (report attached)
- c) VP Professional – Shaughnessy Hawkins (report attached)
- d) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)
- e) VP Finance and Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- f) Speaker – Michael Bravo (no report)

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:3**

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

**4. Committee, Commissioner, Senator, B of T and Other Reports**

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- a) Graduate Student Senator – Iain Reeve (report attached)
- b) Board of Trustees – 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: Carolyn Prouse (report attached)
- e) Other Reports
  - i) Equity Coordinator – Kalanthe Khaiat (report attached)
  - ii) International Students Coordinator – Amir Nosrat and Becky Pero (report attached)
  - iii) Sustainability Coordinator – Ivana Zelenika (report attached)
  - iv) Athletics Coordinator – Amanda Leonard (no report)
  - v) Logistics Coordinator – Corey Valinsky (no report)
  - vi) Planning Coordinator – Nicole McCallum (no report)
  - vii) Rector – Nick Day (no report)
  - viii) Chief Returning Officer – Mikhail Kellawan (no report)
  - ix) Departmental Reports

**MOTION**

**11/08/11:4**

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

**5. Question Period/Departmental Issues**

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**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

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**7. Main Motions**

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**MOTION**

**02/08/11:5**

Whereas section P.2.1.4.b.i. of SGPS policy charges the Equity Commissioner with “advising Council and the Executive in the formation and formulations of SGPS policies, procedures and priorities regarding equity issues; item promoting awareness of equity issues among SGPS members”; and

Whereas section P.2.1.4.b.iv. of SGPS policy charges the Equity Commissioner with “organizing any applicable equity training for the Executive and other interested parties, in conjunction with the University Human Rights Office”; and

Whereas section P.2.7.a. of SGPS (Anti-Harassment) policy reads that “The SGPS does not tolerate harassment or discrimination in any environment under its jurisdiction or during any event under its jurisdiction”; and

Whereas the knowledge base and skills required to recognize discrimination and to behave in an equitable manner are not ‘natural’ or ‘inherent’ or even taught in most academic programs; and

Whereas the Equity Commissioner and/or Equity Coordinator cannot feasibly be aware of all of the policies, event planning and service provisions undertaken by SGPS executive and staff; and

Whereas the Human Rights Office has experience in implementing anti-oppression training to student government groups, in consideration of the specific organizational needs, free of charge; and

Whereas we have held two training sessions this year that included general introduction to anti-oppression issues as well as SGPS-specific training regarding, for instance, how to incorporate equity into social agendas and issues of gender parity at Council; therefore

Moved Carolyn Prouse/ \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT a policy be added as "P.2.9 Anti-Oppression Training" that reads: "All SGPS employees and Executive are required to participate in SGPS-specific Anti-Oppression Training for a minimum of six hours once per elected or hired term"; and

BIFRT P.2.1.4.b.iv. of SGPS policy that charges the Equity Commissioner with "organizing any applicable equity training for the Executive and other interested parties, in conjunction with the University Human Rights Office"

be stricken and replaced with the following:

"Organizing the mandatory Anti-Oppression Training for all SGPS employees and Executive, in addition to organizing any other applicable equity training for the Executive and other interested parties, in conjunction with the University Human Rights Office."

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:6**

Whereas social events are an important service that the SGPS provides to its members; and

Whereas the SGPS wants to be equitable in terms of addressing the needs and interests of its entire membership; and

Whereas section P.2.7.a. of SGPS (Anti-Harassment) policy reads that "The SGPS does not tolerate harassment or discrimination in any environment under its jurisdiction or during any event under its jurisdiction"; and

Whereas section P.2.1.4.b.iii. of SGPS policy charges the Equity Commissioner with "ensuring all social events hosted by the SGPS are equity-aware in all senses"; therefore

Moved Carolyn Prouse/ BIRT policy be added to section P.2.1.4.b. that the "Equity Commissioner or Equity Commissioner's delegate sits on the Social Committee"

Whereas section P.6.2.9.b. policy regarding the Social Committee reads:

"The membership of the Committee shall be: i. the Social Commissioner, who shall chair the Committee; and ii. A minimum of three (3) appointees of Council; therefore

BIFRT policy be added to section P.6.2.9.b. that reads:

iii. the Equity Commissioner or the Equity Commissioner's delegate

**MOTION – Equity Climate Survey Policy**

**02/08/11:7**

Whereas the SGPS is committed to respecting and advocating for equitable practices;

Whereas the SGPS is currently limited in its ability to assess the extent to which our members are faced with barriers to equity;



**MOTION**

**02/08/11:8**

Whereas the SGPS has established a budget line for charity and donations. The Finance & Services Committee have been approached by some of our members to bring school supplies for schools overseas who are in need.

Whereas the SGPS Finance & Services Committee have recommended the following:

Moved Jillian Burford-Grinnell/\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT that the SGPS spend \$250 to buy school supplies for those schools overseas that are in need of these supplies.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:9**

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT motions 02/08/11:10 through 02/08/11:21 be treated as omnibus.

**Whereas the following fees have been recommended for renewal by the SGPS Finance & Services Committee.**

**MANDATORY FEES**

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:10**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the Campus Observation Room Class A Mandatory Fee of \$0.50 be renewed.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:11**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the Telephone Aid Line Kingston A Mandatory Fee of \$0.75 be renewed.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:12**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the Sexual Assault Crisis Centre Kingston Class A Mandatory Fee of \$1.25 be renewed.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:13**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the AMS Walkhome Class B (indexed to inflation) Mandatory Fee of \$17.81 be renewed.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:14**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the Health Counselling and Disability Services Class B (indexed to inflation) Mandatory Fee of \$53.46 be renewed.

**OPTIONAL FEES**

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:15**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the SGPS Sports Fund Class A Optional Fee of \$2.00 be renewed.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:16**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the HIV AIDS Regional Services Class A Optional Fee of \$1.00 be renewed.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:17**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the Reelout Class B Optional Fee (indexed to inflation) of \$1.63 be renewed.

**FEES FOR REFERENDUM**

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:18**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the CFRC Radio Class A Mandatory Fee of \$3.75 be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the SGPS increase a Class A Mandatory fee from \$3.75 to \$4.77 (an increase of \$1.02 per student) for CFRC Radio?"

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:19**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the Ban Righ Centre Class A Optional Fee of \$1.00 be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the SGPS renew a Class A Mandatory fee of \$1.00 for the Ban Righ Centre?"

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:20**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the Queen's Journal Class A Mandatory Fee of \$3.50 be put to referendum in the following form: "Should the SGPS increase a Class A Mandatory fee from \$3.50 to \$6.50 (an increase of \$3.00 per student) for the Queen's Journal? This fee last went to referendum in 2006-2007. "

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:21**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the following question be put to referendum in the following form: "Do you agree to the establishment of a Class B Optional Fee of \$0.75 (indexed to inflation) for the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre?"

**Whereas the following fee has not been recommended for renewal by the SGPS Finance & Services Committee.**

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:22**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the AMS Accessibility Task Force Class A Mandatory Fee of \$3.00 be renewed.

**Whereas the following fee has been recommended for establishment by the SGPS Finance & Services Committee and the SGPS Equity Committee.**

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:23**

Moved \_\_\_Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the following question be put to referendum in the following form: "Do you agree to the establishment of a Class A Optional Fee of \$3.00 (not indexed to inflation) for the SGPS Accessibility Fund?"

**MOTION****02/08/11:24**

Whereas water is essential to life and a human right; and

Whereas we, in Kingston, have access to safe, potable tap water; and

Whereas bottled water is more expensive and less regulated, consumes more energy and releases more harmful toxins into the environment than tap water; and

Whereas the Queen's Conference on Water held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 highlighted the importance of banning bottled water from an environmental perspective; and

Whereas 9 other Canadian campuses have banned bottled water thus far; and

Whereas Queen's is currently taking steps towards banning the sale of bottled water on campus; and

Whereas the SGPS collaborates with Queen's Sustainability Office, the Water Access Group, and the Canadian Federation of Students to advocate for increased investment in water fountains and sound public water infrastructure; therefore

Moved \_\_\_\_\_Anne-Marie Grondin\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT Council pledge its support for the next national Bottle Water Free Day, taking place on March 10, 2011.

**MOTION****02/08/11:25**

Whereas in April 2010, Senate approved a new grade scale for implementation across all faculties and schools at Queen's University in May 2011,

Whereas this grade scale replaces percentile grades with letter grades, thereby creating substantial "compression or lack of differentiation of grades at the top end of the scale" (SCAP Report to Senate, April 2010),

Whereas the compression of upper-class grades will impact adjudication criteria and practices for academic awards, not least in the case of Tri-Colour Council Awards,

Whereas, despite concerns raised to the Senate Committee on Academic Procedures (SCAP) about the compression of grades under the letter-grade system, "Faculties and Schools may use only a subset of the full set of grades and non-evaluative grades available if they wish" (SCAP Report to Senate, April 2010),

Whereas the straight conversion of grades, rubrics, and department or class medians from percentile to letter grades could impact students adversely,

Whereas SCAP's April 2010 Report to Senate observes "that there may be transition issues as the grading system changes at Queen's, particularly for students who are in-progress during the change," and therefore "urges instructors, departments, and Faculties/Schools to be sensitive to any potential impact from the grading change and to strive to ensure that continuing students are not disadvantaged by the changes,"

MOVED \_\_Moore\_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT Council encourage SGPS members – as students, Teaching Assistants, Teaching Fellows, and student representatives on decision-making bodies – to participate in this transition conscientiously and with attention to the many ways this change may impact fellow students and colleagues.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:25**

Whereas the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) at Queen’s has provided training and support on campus since 1992,

Whereas much of the CTL’s efforts have benefited and continue to benefit members of the SGPS who wish to develop effective presentation and pedagogical skills,

Whereas, on 26 January 2011, the SGPS Finances and Services Committee unanimously voted in favour of the below motion,

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the establishment of a Centre for Teaching and Learning Class B Optional fee (indexed to inflation) of \$1.25 be put to referendum in the following form: “Do you agree to the establishment of a Class B Optional fee (indexed for inflation) of \$1.25 to go towards the Centre for Teaching and Learning? This fee will support pedagogical development at Queen’s University.”

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:26**

Whereas there have been months of discussion and negotiation between the SGPS, the AMS and the University Administration with respect to the new Queen's Centre and the Student Life Centre (SLC). These discussions have led to the creation of two new documents: an operation and management agreement and a SLC Constitution.

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the SGPS support the signing of the SLC Operation & Management Agreement and the revised SLC Constitution.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:27**

BIRT the SGPS strike an ad-hoc Advancement Committee in order to investigate existing awards and develop specific student award requests for SGPS students.

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:28**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT B.9.2a be amended as follows:  
The following constitute the Appointees of Council, and shall be responsible for assisting Council and the Executive with a specific aspect of the SGPS' operations, and are responsible for reporting to Council:

- (1) Communications Commissioner
- (2) Social Commissioner
- (3) Equity Commissioner
- (4) International Students Affairs Commissioner
- (4) Education Coordinator
- (5) Equity Coordinator
- (6) International Students Affairs' Coordinator
- (7) Web Coordinator (webmaster)

- (8) Logistics Coordinator
- (9) Planning Coordinator
- (10) Athletics Coordinator
- (11) Layout Coordinator

**MOTION**

**02/08/11:29**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT that the following P.2.10 be removed and replaced with the following

**P.2.1.10 International Students Affairs Commissioner**

a. The mandate of the International Students Affairs Commissioner shall be to foster an increased awareness of issues facing international students on campus and endeavour towards finding and implementing means to address these issues with appropriate people and entities on and off campus.

b. The minimal duties of the International Students Affairs Commissioner shall be to:

(i) ensure constant representation of Queen`s University`s international student opinions, concerns, and issues in the Equity Issues Standing Committee, Campaign and Community Affairs Standing Committee, the SGPS

Council, Queen`s University International Centre Council, UHIP Compliance

Working Group, Graduate Student Life Working Group, TAFA`s various bargaining and executive teams, the Rector`s Office, the SGPS Student

Advisors program, the SGPS Social committee, provincial or national student organizations such as the Canadian Federation of Students, administrators that frequently deal with international student issues, and any pertinent University Senate or Board of Trustees committees.

(ii) ensure regular meetings of the SGPS International Students Standing Committee;

(iii) advise the SGPS Executive, Council, SGPS Trustee, and student Senators on how to approach and tackle international student issues;

(iv) lobby the Board of Trustees, University Senate, and the Alma-Mater Society to address international student issues with the help of student representatives;

(v) establish and maintain communication with international students and groups on campus;

(vi) establish and maintain communication with equity-seeking groups on campus;

(vii) guide and assist SGPS, AMS, and University research on international student issues and concerns;

(viii) guide and assist the development of policies regarding international student issues at the SGPS, AMS, and/or University level; and

(ix) promote the organization of social, academic, outreach and political events pertaining to international students.

c. The International Student Affairs Commissioner shall at least promote the following causes:

(i) the reduction of financial barriers facing international students as a result of tuition fees;

(ii) the promotion of grants and bursaries designated for or favouring international students;

(iii) the reduction and/or removal of financial barriers facing international students as a result of the University Health Insurance Premium;

(iv) improved coverage and quality of service provided by the University Health Insurance Premium;

(v) academic resources such as courses, databases, research funding, and researchers that focus on non-Western and non-North American themes;

(vi) the designation and construction of centralized and visible social space, housing, and services for international students;

- (vii) sensitizing professors, staff, and students to international student needs and issues of diversity;
  - (viii) sensitizing SGPS staff to international student needs and issues;
  - (ix) support services aimed at reducing cultural barriers;
  - (x) support services aimed at addressing culture shock;
  - (xi) support services aimed at generating exit opportunities for international student graduates;
  - (xii) supervisory relations that favour international students;
  - (xiii) and SGPS research on international student issues.
- d. The International Student Affairs Commissioner shall perform their responsibilities with the assistance, delegation, and recommendations of the International Student Affairs Coordinator.
- e. The International Student Affairs Commissioner shall report to and communicate jointly with the VP Campaigns and Community Affairs, VP Graduate, and the President of the SGPS.
- P.2.1.11 International Student Affairs Coordinator**
- a. The mandate of the International Student Affairs Coordinator shall be to foster an increased awareness of issues facing international students on campus and endeavour towards finding and implementing means to address these issues with appropriate people and entities on and off campus.
- b. The minimal duties of the International Student Affairs Coordinator shall be to:
- (i) chair the International Student Standing Committee in the event that no other members of the committee other than paid SGPS staff and appointees volunteer for this task;
  - (ii) supporting and advising the International Student Affairs Commissioner in their work;
  - (iii) attending meetings and committees as delegated by the International Student Affairs Commissioner;
  - (iv) organizing any events or workshops that affect international students;
  - (v) assisting in the development of policies and research pertaining to international students; and
  - (vi) uphold SGPS policies that favour international students.
- c. The International Student Affairs Coordinator shall report to the International Student Affairs Commissioner.

## **8. Other Business**

## **9. Notice of Motions/Announcements**

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, March 1st, 2011.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th, 2011.

## **10. Adjournment**

### **MOTION**

**02/08/11:30**

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

January Minutes

Attendance January Meeting

February Reports

Appendix – 1