



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

AGENDA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council

Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Tuesday, March 24th, 2009 5:30pm
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentation

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

03/24/09:1

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the agenda for 2009 AGM be adopted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a) President – Jeff Welsh (report attached)
- b) VP Internal Graduate – Joellen Lin (report attached)
- c) VP Internal Professional – Jamie Kneen (report attached)
- d) VP External – Mark Rosner (report attached)
- e) VP Operations – Vicky Bae (report attached)
- f) Speaker – Seth Irwin (report attached)

MOTION

03/24/09:2

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

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

- a) Graduate Student Senator – Ray Saeidi (no report submitted)
- b) Board of Trustees – Alfonso Nocilla (no report submitted)
- c) Committee Reports

Commissioner Reports

- i) Social Commissioner – Diala Habib (report attached)
- ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
- iii) Equity Commissioner: Internal – Usman Mushtaq (report attached)

Other Reports

- i) Committee Coordinator – Igor Poroger (no report submitted)
- ii) Chief Returning Officer – Sam Hetz (report attached)
- iii) Rector – Leora Jackson (no report submitted)
- iv) Departmental Reports

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03/24/09:3

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

5. Question Period/Departmental Complaints

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

8. Other Business

Discussion surrounding the outcome should the Athletics and Referendum fee question be voted down at the SGPS by-election.

7. Main Motions

MOTION

03/24/09:4

Whereas 9 of the 26 graduate students in French Studies are in the Francophonie program; and

Whereas all 9 students are being supervised by the only instructor who teaches in that subject; and

Whereas the Francophonie instructor is a sessional adjunct whose contract is not going to be renewed due to budget cuts; and

Whereas there is no proper provision for the continued supervision of these graduate students;

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT that the SGPS request the university to open up a full-time position to competition and hire a tenure-track professor in in French Studies for La Francophonie to replace the tenured professor who is on permanent disability; and

BIFRT that a second faculty position, tenure track or non, in French Studies for La Francophonie be hired to ensure the quality and availability of supervision that is required under the Guide to Graduate Supervision for the entire current group of nine graduate students.

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03/24/09:5

Whereas the members of the Education Student Society (ESS) held a properly administered referendum to secede from the Alma Mater Society (AMS) and join the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) and;

Whereas the majority of voters in the referendum voted to secede from the AMS and join the SGPS and;

Whereas the ESS followed all regulations for joining the SGPS as set out in the SGPS Bylaws and Policies

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the students in the ESS be accepted as members of the SGPS.

MOTION

03/24/09:6

Whereas the SGPS Bylaws and Policies stipulate that the payment of an honorarium is an expression of gratitude by the SGPS for services rendered, to be paid at the end of the term of office of the recipient;

Whereas the SGPS Policy stipulates that the motions to approve the bestowal of honoraria shall be brought to Council at the March Council meeting;

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the SGPS Council approve the following bestowal of honoraria for 2008-2009 elects, appointees and officers of Council:

President \$2000.00
Vice-President Internal, Graduate \$800.00
Vice-President Internal, Professional \$1600.00
Vice-President, External \$1600.00
Vice-President, Operations \$1600.00
Communications Commissioner \$500.00
Internal Equity Commissioner \$125.00
Social Commissioner \$500.00
Speaker \$700.00
Deputy Speaker \$300.00
Graduate Student Senator \$200.00
Graduate/Professional Trustee \$200.00
Chief Returning Officer \$400.00
Deputy Returning Officer \$200

MOTION

03/24/09:7

Whereas the stipends and honoraria for SGPS elects and appointees have not been increased since 2002;

Whereas the overall membership served by the elects and appointees and subsequently the workload of elects and appointees have significantly grown since the last stipend and honoraria adjustment;

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the SGPS Council approve the following increases in stipends:

- President increased by \$389.50, to a total of \$8,179.50
- Vice-President Internal, Graduate increased by \$317.75, to a total of \$6,672.75
- Vice-President Internal, Professional increased by \$317.75, to a total of \$6,672.75
- Vice-President, External increased by \$317.75, to a total of \$6,672.75
- Vice-President, Operations increased by \$317.75, to a total of \$6,672.75
- Communications Commissioner increased by \$437.50, to a total of \$3000.00
- Internal Equity Commissioner increased by \$437.50, to a total of \$3000.00
- Social Commissioner increased by \$437.50, to a total of \$3000.00

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Whereas this is the second reading of the Bylaws and Policies

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the Bylaws and Policies be accepted as amended by the Bylaw and Policy Committee.

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday April 7th, 2009.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th, 2009.

10. Adjournment

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

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Attached:

Reports

Letter from Janice Deakin on Planned changes to Queen's Graduate Award (QGA) Funding Model

Report of QGA Funding Advisory Committee

Society of Graduate and Professional Students 2008-2009 Annual Operating Budget Draft

2009 February SGPS Budget Comparison

Petition to the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled

SGPS Bylaws and Policies