

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

a) President – Jawad Qureshy (report attached)

Career Networking Event with the board of trustees – did not pan out. I propose instead of the trustees we do an event with the council and because they are larger they may adopt a lot more departments.

b) VP Graduate – Daniel Moore (report attached)

Looking for a graduate student TA for to be a rep for the forum on the grade change that we are hosting in April. We have a rep apart from the graduate community. We are looking for someone who is a TA and has something to say about grade change. We are looking for an MA rep for the graduate science council. This is run by the school of graduate studies and meets with graduate chairs. If you want to volunteer please let me know. We are hosting student advisor support group on Thursday at 5:00 PM.

c) VP Professional – Shaughnessy Hawkins (report attached)

The Grad Club AGM is on March 31st. I really encourage you to go and get involved. The more overlap with the SGPS and the grad club the better.

d) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)

Last December I talked about the senate approving the safety disclosure policy. I encourage you to communicate to your respective departments about policy changes such as this institutionally approved whistleblower motion. I would encourage everybody to read over it and have your department read over it. If you could help me – I would like to come up with a list of questions about what this means concretely. I can raise this with the necessary authorities about what it does and does not do. Thursday, March 10th is Bottle Water Free Day. To give you an idea of what SGPS is organizing I have made a poster for all faculties. Please post them in departments in a visible place. We are asking our members to come to campus with their reusable bottles to test the waters. We are far away from being ready for the upcoming for the bottle water ban. Where is that we need water fountains where we don't have them? Where do we need to fix them? What ones are in a poor state? Please tell Ivana and I where changes need to be made. Thank you to everyone for participating in voting.

e) VP Finance and Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)

Dr. Robert Bullard he is the Sutherland Scholar. I met him today. Tomorrow there is the main conference on water justice which is timely given the water free day. I encourage you to register. It is from 10-3 tomorrow.

f) Speaker – Michael Bravo (no report)

At the last council we chose a judicial board and met about a decision. The decision has been sent to the recipient. The health and dental committee met. Three were rejected and one was given a partial refund. Fair warning to the new exec about meeting to learn the rules better than I do. I think we should recognize the outstanding contribution of the executive over the past year. There time commitment can be 40-60 hours over the month.

Eric Rapos – When is the decision made for the new speaker?

Michael Bravo – April meeting. It will be on the agenda.

MOTION 03/08/11:3

Moved ___Eric Rapos_____ / ___Iain Reeve_____ BIRT Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

Carried

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

a) Graduate Student Senator – Iain Reeve (report attached)

Academic task force at last night's town hall was a little rushed. Myself and other members of the task force and other members will be attending the AGM. If you have any members of departments that are interested in this issue encourage them to come along. There are a number of issues for consultation and they are listed on the Queen's website www.queensu.ca/sapf

Daniel Moore – At one point there was a proposal put forth for a consultant to deal with this.

Iain Reeve – This was met with resistance as the belief that there was enough internal capacity to deal with this.

Logan Crowell – Numbers?

Iain Reeve – 25. The next one will be better promoted.

b) Board of Trustees – Benjamin Grant (no report)

Student Life Centre agreement was approved. It was approved subject to the caveat that the AMS sort out its funding problem by December 1st.

c) Committee Reports

Strategic Planning Committee – Nora asked you to fill out a survey for editing purposes. The actual survey is going to go out next week. There will be cash prizes for those who fill out the survey.

d) Commissioner Reports

i) Social Commissioner – Abdullah Abunafeesa (report attached)

Semi-formal information should be in the next newsletter.

ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)

iii) Equity Commissioner: Carolyn Prouse (report attached)

e) Other Reports

i) Equity Coordinator – Kalanthe Khaiat (report attached)

The application for understanding each other has been submitted. We are waiting to hear back and hopefully we can then get moving on this project as we are two months behind. Information Fair for Disability Awareness Month – GET DATE

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 (report attached)

Mikhail Kellawan - SGPS general elections & referenda were held March 2-3, 2011. This is the first time (to my knowledge) that online ballots were allowed to be cast and we received 449 ballots (436 online, 13 paper). All candidates were affirmed and only referenda questions regarding the funding increase for the CFRC radio and Queen's journal were defeated.

We only had 1 nominee for each position up for election despite the nomination period being extended by 1 week as per SGPS by-laws and policies. The timing between the affirmation of the election dates & referenda questions by council, the need for the extension of the nomination period, dramatically reduced the campaign period to only 3 business days. The combination of the March 7th hard deadline for election results outlined by the SGPS bylaws and policies and no nominee running against an opponent led to the cancellation of the traditional all candidates' debate.

The referendum question "Should the SGPS increase a Class A Mandatory Fee (not indexed to inflation) from \$3.75 to \$4.77 (an increase of \$1.02 per student) for CFRC Radio?" needs to go to a bi-election as per SGPS policy P.7.1.4. To determine if the fee will increase, stay the same, or be eliminated.

Due to the low paper ballot voter turn out, I suggest that the bi-election be done using the online voting mechanism.

Iain Reeve – How was turn out?

Mikhail Kellawan – 10% of the eligible voters voted.

Sean Richards - The year before there was 14-15% coming to vote.

Eric Rapos – You were able to vote twice.

Mikhail Kellawan – We corrected for this having people log in when they came to vote.

ix) Departmental Reports

MOTION 03/08/11:4

Moved Eric Rapos _____ / ___Jillian Burford-Grinnell_____ BIRT Senator/Board of Trustees/Commissioner/ Coordinator / Committee, and Other reports be accepted.

Carried

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

Sarah Waurechen – The history undergraduate department is hosting a town hall on grade change in Mac-Corry B201 between 7-8 PM. The undergraduates have managed to get the principal involved. It is a good opportunity to dialogue between the undergraduate and graduate groups.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

MOTION 03/08/11:5

MOVED ___Eric Rapos_____ / ___Jillian Burford-Grinnell_____ BIRT Council take form the table Motion 02/08/11:27 – KGH Foodservice Contract from the February Council Meeting.

Carried

Anne-Marie Grondin – I haven't changed a single thing to the letter. I didn't receive any information from any councillor following the meeting via email. I am going to disagree that we need to tone down the letter. Unlike another writing document a letter of objection needs to be strongly worded. We shouldn't have a fluffy toned down letter. My perception to some council members it isn't the SGPS councils place to take a stance on issues outside of the school. This is student government and whether we take a stance of support or objection these are political decisions. When we vote on things we are making a political decision. That impartiality shouldn't figure in this letter of objection. Why is it important? It isn't some random issue that affects us on campus and affects the quality of the care and services that we get as patients and visitors to the hospital. Would you rather eat food produced outsourced food or locally provided and prepared food. This movement is happening on campus on the provision of education services at Queen's. It is strategic on our part to the community in these type of struggles if we want to fight these on campuses. The demands of 79% of the Kingston community were ignored and surpassed by KGH board members. Finally, I want to raise an important point – cutting food services cost is taking away money from research and life saving technologies. I think the matter isn't as clear cut as this. It's more complicated. I think the broader issue is that hospitals within their budgets allow for reactive and preventative health care. They should be able to provide treatment but also preventative measures such as nutrition. The battle of the KGH food fight is not over. I am going to ask council discuss the points that I have raised here. I want to take stand on this issue.

Iain Reeve – We don't have details for cost-savings for changing food systems. At the end of the day they have a fixed budget. We don't know the details about the gains that they will experience by making this decision. I am uncomfortable with sending a strongly worded letter.

Shaughnessy Hawkins – I think it is important to recognize that wording and actions such as this one that were done in the past, make our group look fairly radical. I don't think this addresses any real problems and I believe that it undermines are real priorities. I still don't think we know enough about this and actually harms our ability to help.

Mathew Schriber – If we don't know how much money they are going to save, we need that information. This is something to make a case about. I don't think the letter is that strongly worded. My inclination and vote on it the way it is.

Jess Hickey – We don't know the budget breakdown. On KGH website they have information about COMPASS and the information on there provides information about where they source their food.

Anne-Marie Grondin – In general I don't think there is a problem with the letter. With regards to how COMPASS advertises itself and how KGH chooses to advertise itself - we don't know enough details about this company. We don't know about the current status of the food production of this company.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – I want to echo Matthews words. I speak in support of this motion. I would have an inclination to make the wording stronger.

Sarah Waurechen – I wanted to raise the concern of my department. I have trouble endorsing the motion when my constituents do not feel comfortable with it.

Iain Reeve – Would a logical compromise be to lobby the hospital to provide more information about this issue. Hospitals in this country need to make difficult decisions regarding financial decisions. Without that information I don't think we can make a logical decision.

Kalanthe Khaiat – I believe a lot of hesitation is a lack of available data. My inclination is that KGH and Kingston is so close to many local providers and that a movement such as this doesn't make sense. Perhaps SGPS could engage in more research about alternatives that KGH may have not considered. Maybe there is another option that should be considered.

Jon Foster – We aren't making the decision as to what food company to go with. What kind of tone do we want KGH consider issues. Do we want them to consider it an issue of numbers or quality of care? What this letter is stating is that we are getting quality and not just quantity. If not using COMPASS is not financially viable. We are asking them are using the same rubric to make our decisions. We care about our health care system and we want you to as well.

Bob Cockburn – I am hesitant to support this motion. This is a clear cut business decision. There is no real incentive to move away from the previous plan. It shouldn't be hard to get the valuation on these type of things.

Brittany Sargent – I want to draw everyone's attention to the purposes of the SGPS. The first is to facilitate communication between its members and interested parties. The second mandate regards taking a stand on public social issues.

Jon Foster – Motion to call it to question.

MOTION 03/08/11: Call to Question

MOVED __Jon Foster_____/__Logan Crowell____ BIRT that the original Motion 02/08/11:27 be called to question.

Carried

MOTION 02/08/11:27 - KGH Foodservice Contract

Not Carried

7. Main Motions

MOTION

03/08/11:6

MOVED _Jon Foster_____/_Eric Rapos_____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

Michael Bravo – This was in your packages for the month. These are suggestions made by Amir and Becky on how to restructure International Affairs Commissioner and Coordinator. I think you should have had time to read through what his ideas behind it were. In order to inform everybody to read three of the sections (get the sections that he is talking about)

Logan Crowell – First of all, what does supervisory relations in favor of international students mean?

Usman Mushtaq – I am one of the SGPS student advisors. I have had this noted in my report. That the majority of our clientele are international students. There are language and cultural barriers. Family barriers. There are barriers of academic culture as well as social barriers. Difference academic understanding of plagiarism. All of these things can affect how international students interact with their supervisor.

Logan Crowell – They would act in advisory role then.

MOTION 03/08/11: Omnibus Motion

MOVED _Eric Rapos_____/_Jess Hickey_____BIRT that Motion 03/08/11:6, Motion 03/08/11:7, Motion 03/08/11:8 be treated as omnibus.

Logan Crowell – P.2.1.10.D – Is this new language from the equity model? I think it is. It is under the role of the commissioner. Do you know what the relationship between these two positions that would necessitate this language?

Holly McIndoe – The coordinator would be supporting commissioner. Highlighting that it is supporting role and requires less hours.

Logan Crowell – It is not really clear who is reporting to who and to the exec? Concerns that there are two positions here and there will be a lack of accountability. If there is subservient language it may reduce accountability.

Holly McIndoe – I will leave it to council to determine how the reporting role is to take place.

Logan Crowell – P.2.1.11.D refers to this reporting method. The commissioners can also delegate the duties to the coordinator. Whereas in equity there is more of an equal role with different jobs. The concern that this language shouldn't be put in place for a Bylaw passed.

Michael Bravo – You can deal with the motion right now.

Sean Richards – Instead of entrenching the equity position right away and had them report to SGPS for 6 months. This was in essence a pilot project. Council approved the position for a one year term and put in conditions for reports to council. At the 11 month mark they made a decision as to whether this should continue. This is a trial period.

Michael Bravo- If the motions have an omnibus you would need to approve to set up a pilot project. And you can modify the wording for a one year period.

Sean Richards - We originally made no bylaw or policy changes.

Kalanthe Khaiat – P2.1.10.A – An 's' needs to be added to a commissioner title. The way it works, the coordinator works as the delegate for the commissioner. I am authorized to act as a delegate of the commissioner representing the equity team. The language in the equity bylaw the wording is quite vague which is better it appears in the current bylaw. I guess what I am proposing is an amendment that makes the language in more vague. Perhaps the designation should be more in the coordinator position rather than commissioner so there isn't that feeling delegation.

Jawad Qureshy – The SGPS does have a hierarchy and that language is necessary for the nature of the position. There has to be a way of getting the mundane and policy work gets done. As for the pilot project this is the first year around that we have hired two international student coordinators. The entire intent to have the two coordinators to have a policy recommendation which is what has come forth.

Sarah Waurechen – Motion to table.

Michael Bravo – If we table it this bylaw will not come into effect until next year.

Iain Reeve – Amendments can be made throughout the year.

Kalanthe Khaiat – Equity mandate and the equity commissioners mandate cannot be stretched to accommodate the needs of international students. I think there should be a close relationship between equity team and the international issues coordinator/commissioner. Having positions such as this in SGPS are self-annihilating in order to get SGPS and Queen's policy running smoothly so such committees are not needed.

Eric Rapos – There hasn't been too much objection to the positions itself apart from the wording. In the commissioner position it would be simple to remove designation and under the coordinator report we could change the wording about being delegated to attend meetings.

MOTION 03/08/11: Call to Question

MOVED _Logan Crowell_____/_Eric Rapos_____BIRT that Motion 03/08/11:
Omnibus Motion be called to question.

Carried

MOTION**03/08/11:7**

Moved ___Jon Foster_____/___Eric Rapos_____ 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.

MOTION 03/08/11:8

MOVED __Jon Foster_____/__Eric Rapos_____BIFRT P.2.5.2b be amended as follows Stipends are paid monthly, with the total amount paid over the term responsibility being as follows:

- (1) President \$15,500.00
- (2) VP Graduate \$12,000.00
- (3) VP Professional \$12,000.00
- (4) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs \$12,000.00
- (5) VP Finance and Services \$12,000.00
- (6) Commissioners \$6000.00
- (7) Equity Coordinator \$2000.00
- (8) Layout Coordinator \$2000.00
- (9) Education Coordinator \$1000.00
- (10) Sustainability Coordinator \$2000.00
- (11) International Students Affairs Coordinator \$2000.00

- (12) Web Coordinator \$1500.00
- (13) Speaker \$2000.00
- (14) Deputy Speaker \$500.00
- (15) Chief Returning Officer \$600.00
- (16) Student Senators \$200.00
- (17) SGPS Trustee \$200.00

Carried

MOTION 03/08/11:9

Whereas the SGPS budget is to be revisited;

Moved _____Jillian Burford-Grinnell / ____Jawad Qureshy_____ BIRT the Regular Employee line be increased by \$12,100 as follows;

Remove \$7500 from Part time employees line;
remove \$3000 from Conflict Resolution Training line;
remove \$1600 from Executive Internal line.

Jon Foster – This is in the budget?

Sean Richards – We would look like we are over budget on some and under on others.

Carried

MOTION 03/08/11:10

Moved__Jawad Qureshy/____Sarah Waurechen_____ BIRT the SGPS take \$307 from the President's salary and make out a cheque to Chad Winch for the same amount.

Jawad Qureshy – This is an absurd situation. This is a motion designed to deal with this. There is another solution to deal with this problem and Chad won't accept this money. I want to table this motion.

Michael Bravo – There will be an appeal to the dental and health committee made by Chad. We would then decide at that time to overturn or accept the decision of the dental and health committee at that time of appeal.

MOTION 03/08/11: Tabling

Moved Jawad Qureshy/____Iain Reeve_____ BIRT that the Motion 03/08/11:10 be tabled until the AGM on March 22nd, 2011.

Carried

MOTION 03/08/11:11

Whereas the Academic Affairs Standing Committee has submitted a draft FAQ to Council this month (appendix; see also flow chart) regarding a stipendiary employment option for graduate Research Assistants;

Whereas the AASC wrote this FAQ by submitting questions to the School of Graduate Studies who replied with input from their law firm (Bergen & Associates);

Whereas the AASC decided last month that a series of follow-up questions were needed to clarify the substance of certain answers and to request further information;

Whereas the final set of answers were provided and feedback from Council is sought to ensure these are satisfactory;

Whereas the SGS has indicated they will proceed to implement the stipendiary employment option through Human Resources and other units;

Moved ___Daniel Moore___ / ___Anne-Marie Grondin_____ BIRT the AASC edit the FAQ for presentation to SGPS members at large.

BIRFT the AASC write a preamble to the FAQ to introduce SGPS members to the change the SGS will introduce to RA employment options at Queen's.

BIRFT the AASC draft a letter to the SGS requesting information sessions for graduate RAs on campus regarding the new employment option.

Daniel Moore – SGS has allowed us to submit questions to them. Helping students become more aware of this and how this will affect them. If you find that it is not clear and hasn't answered an obvious question that you have. The responses we are getting got progressively less patient. We think we have got what he have got. Some good things that came out of pestering them. They will create supervisor guidelines as whether RAs will be seen as employers or co-researchers doing research that is related to their research.

Carried

MOTION 03/08/11:12

Whereas Career Services has requested the SGPS's written support for their Graduate Enterprise Internship Program (GEIP) proposal (appendix);

Whereas the Executive believes Career Services' proposal could benefit a number of SGPS members in the sciences and engineering, particularly those who might be interested in employment in the Kingston area during and after their studies;

Whereas the Executive also has concerns about the how the program will seek to build stronger ties between the post-secondary and the corporate sectors (i.e. its hopes "to create virtuous loop of investment, technology transfer, and innovation" "between university, business, and local/regional economic development agencies" (p. 2));

Whereas the Executive remains unclear regarding how the collaboration proposed above will impact the autonomy of the academic units involved;

Whereas the Executive hopes that the university will practice caution when bringing corporate, economic, and business interests and influences into its sphere;

BIRT ___Daniel Moore___ / ___Sarah Waurechen_____ SGPS Council endorses Career Service's proposal and charges the Executive to send Council's written support in writing.

BIFRT Council charges the Executive to write a letter to Career Services 1) expressing Council's reservations about the proposal concerning the impact that collaboration with private interests may have on education at Queen's, and 2) expressing Council's wish that the program's design will attempt reduce any unforeseen, formal, or informal influence private interests may exert at the university via this program.

Daniel Moore – Want to increase career opportunities in Kingston. On one hand we think we should support this, but should raise concerns with career services because we don't know what a number of the items mean. We are not suggesting an explicit action.

Joe Steele – Program in engineering called MITACS like big companies sponsor students. Students are able to go and work for big corporations. These two programs seem fairly similar. If you wanted more answers.

Marvin Ferrer – I think being wary of what increased cooperation between private industries.

Sarah Waurechen – Is this a single letter?

Daniel Moore - We are writing a letter endorsing this program and another letter raising concerns about these relationships and creating new policies.

Carried

MOTION 03/08/11:13

Whereas a letter is included in the appendix to Councilor's package expressing support for the PSAC 901 Bargaining Team during their negotiations with the university labour representatives;

Whereas the Executive hopes that this letter accurately reflects Council's opinion on the matter

Moved ___Daniel Moore___ / ___Megan Bylsma___ BIRT Council endorses this letter and charges the Executive to send copies to the PSAC 901 Bargaining Team, members of the University's negotiating team, and the Office of the Provost.

MOTION 03/08/11:13-M1

Moved ___Daniel Moore___ / ___Marvin Ferrer_____ BIRT that the following amendments be made to the letter in support of the PSAC 901 Bargaining Team:

"Finally, Council wishes to extend [express] its gratitude [and solidarity] to all members of the 901 Bargaining Team. We know you have dedicated an extraordinary amount of time and energy to serving your [our] members and [students]."

In Solidarity replace w/ "Sincerely"

Carried

Daniel Moore – This letter outlines our support. Those students a part of this deserve our support trying to improve TF and TA positions on campus. It is a genre letter from a student society expressing solidarity. This is a letter they would receive from other unions and student organizations on campus.

MOTION 03/08/11: + 30 Minutes

Moved ___Sarah Waurechen___ / ___Iain Reeve___ BIRT that the SGPS be extended for thirty minutes.

Carried

Sarah Waurechen – I feel uneasy about this letter. As it is implying that the university is not working fairly with TF and TAs.

Kalanthe Khaiat – Including phrases like good faith might be a way of counterbalancing the wording. May be worth adding in.

MOTION 03/08/11:13-M2

Moved ___Daniel Moore___ / ___Sarah Waurechen___ BIRT that in the third last sentence of the letter that “The SGPS hopes to see both parties dialogue in good faith”.

Carried

Daniel Moore – I do believe that there is a power imbalance as this is a young union.

Benjamin Grant – There is some confusion about PSAC and SGPS being the same or different entities.

Daniel Moore – I don’t think this letter blurs the distinction between these two groups.

Benjamin Grant – Do you think there is any problem aligning ourselves with the union and not the administration.

Daniel Moore – This is a gesture in keeping with the situation and not out of the blue. We are not lumping Queen’s into a group.

MOTION 03/08/11:13 – MOTION AS AMENDED

Carried

8. Other Business

MOTION

03/08/11:14

Whereas the 2011 General Election and Referendum had greater than 10% membership voter turnout; and

Whereas the results can be found at: <http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/election.html>

BIRT _Iain Reeve_____/__Charan Rainford_____ the results of the 2011 General Election and Referendum be ratified.

MOTION

03/08/11:15

Whereas the CFRC fee failed at referendum; and

Whereas the CFRC fee was scheduled for renewal by referendum in 2010-2011; and

Whereas there is a requirement that all unsuccessful pay-increase referendum questions go to a by-election vote when the fee was scheduled for renewal.

Moved _Sarah Waurechen_____/__Jess Hickey_____ BIRT the SGPS hold an online by-election vote in accordance with P.7.1.4, for the CFRC fees to be held on March 28th & 29, 2011.

BIFRT the following question appear on the by-election ballot:

For the following question, please select the one option that best fits your opinion:

A – The SGPS should increase a Class A Mandatory fee (not indexed to inflation) from \$3.75 to \$4.77 (an increase of \$1.02 per student) for CFRC Radio?

B – The SGPS should renew a Class A Mandatory fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$3.75 for CFRC Radio?

C – The SGPS should eliminate a Class A Mandatory fee (not indexed to inflation) of \$3.75 for CFRC Radio?

MOTION 03/08/11:15: Call to Question

Moved _Jon Foster_____/__Sarah Waurechen__ BIRT that Motion 03/08/11:15 be called to question.

Carried

MOTION 03/08/11:15

Carried

Health and Dental Appeal for Chad Winch

Michael Bravo - At the January meeting we established that the issue should go to health and dental. All the information was given to them. Letter was approved and sent the Chad Winch. There was a request for Chad Winch to appear here today.

Jawad Qureshy – I just have a point that all information is sent to the committee. I did not receive any emails. My communications with Chad were not disclosed to you.

Michael Bravo - All information about timelines, coverage, etc. was passed along to the committee and this information all came from Sean. You can make your appeal as to why Chad thinks the decision should be overturned.

Usman Mushtaq – Was the letter sent to Chad sent out to council?

Michael Bravo – No.

Usman Mushtaq – I come to you with a case both unusual and familiar. I am a student advisor and my job is to advocate for students. I have advocated for students in academic appeal. The SGS has very specific procedures on this occurs. I have to make sure that the graduate school must follow policies. The policy on health dental process was not followed. Appeal procedure should work is that Jillian's decision is appealed to the health and dental committee and then brought to council. I ask council for the same action that I would ask of a graduate department. I would ask them to compensate the students as they didn't follow policy. If policy isn't followed how can I or students advocate for themselves in front of SGPS? If there is no ground for them to make their case from than they can't do it. I am not advocating for Chad because he is a day late. I am advocating because I believe that students have the right to fair and consistent public appeal process. Some members have gone through one track, Chad has gone through another track for the same situation which is inconsistent. One argument I have heard is that he has benefitted as he got to see the exec twice and got to the finances services committee. If regular procedure had been followed than he would not have had opportunity to meet with these bodies. These mistakes don't happen intentionally but there was some inconsistencies in Chad's case.

The letter from the committee outlined three reasons for not giving the money back. In the letter the committee outlined that it is not the responsibility of the committee to compensate the student for a fault in procedure. My question who is responsible? It should not be the responsibility of the student.

MOTION 03/08/11: + 30 Minutes

Moved __Anne-Marie Grondin__ / __Iain Reeve__ BIRT that the SGPS meeting be extended for thirty minutes.

Usman Mushtaq - Chad is here.

Chad Winch - That is a pretty good summary. I have had two issues. The first two points of the appeals committee said that I missed the deadline. I was insanely busy in September, yes I missed the deadline as I forgot. I found it a bit harsh to pay a full \$500 for being one day late. I feel as if I have been strung along all time. I was able to meet with Jawad and discuss how everything had been handled. I realized there were a lot of options that weren't presented to me. I was led down the path by the person who made the final decision, so it was almost like I was set up to fail.

Anne-Marie Grondin – I just want to apologize on behalf of everyone for this situation. You have held us accountable for our practices. I realize that speaking in these situations is difficult especially having to do it twice. I am not going to speak in favour or against. I want to follow that up with a point of information. Seeing as we are talking about the same people voting on the initial decision, people who are on health and dental should not be able to vote again on council. The appeals committee are not members here. They were recruited via the newsletter and had no knowledge of this material.

Logan Crowell – Were you concerned about the impartiality of the committee members?

Usman Mushtaq – It was regular SGPS members.

Logan Crowell – Do you think the three people were able to make an impartial decisions?

Chad Winch – I am biased, but I think there is still a negative bias that could occur.

Michael Bravo – They were given every piece of detail about this case. Everything was presented to them and I was there.

Logan Crowell – Those three people are given the background of the situation. I think they should not have been given that information. I speak in favour of the refund. These three people were not making an independent decision on this claim rather than the procedure and history. It is impossible at this point to analyze independently without this history. As much as initially I was against it. We can't do this right either way, but need to err on the side of the student.

Iain Reeve – I don't know if an error in procedure leads to a full refund or another fair process. Don't you think we could find another fair process by which this could be adjudicated. I wonder is there not a possibility based entirely upon the circumstance itself – this is in reference to the policy adjudication rather than the lateness aspect which what was initially brought to light.

Benjamin Grant – I believe that this does merit a remedy. I think he deserves something that we are taking which is health care.

Jawad Qureshy – I would like to speak in favour of giving him a refund. We have kept the student involved in a process much longer than he should have. If it is not given, I will continue this. We spoke about the meaning and purposes of this SGPS and we cannot continue to advocate our group if we are treating our students such way and causing them to go through a bureaucratic process.

Jess Hickey – He deserves compensation for the appeals process. And is not giving back the money to remedy the initial problem which was missing the deadline.

Sarah Waurechen – I would like it to be recorded that the story seems to be changing. If we are going to issue this refund it needs to be for the right reasons such that he has been inconvenienced.

Marvin Ferrer – I believe if information was withheld from the committee I think that would have also made a biased decision. I don't think that would be a remedy. If that is a concern the best would be to send him to a committee who did not have that information. Just because policy wasn't followed doesn't mean he shouldn't be compensated, missing the deadline is not an excuse for the organization to hand over several hundred dollars.

Logan Crowell – I think at this point we cannot provide an impartial opinion if we have to have Chad come back to council for the third time if the new committee overturns the initial ruling by the first committee. We cannot do it at this point. If we are going to do this we give him the refund that Jawad is going to sign over.

Kalanthe Khaiat – We should treat this as a compensation that is the same as the refund was stated.

Sarah Waurechen – Point of clarification, there is no motion?

Michael Bravo – No. We can word how we assign the money according to the sentiments of Kalanthe, Jess and Sarah.

Benjamin Grant – We cannot award any other money than what he is appealing.

Marvin Ferrer – If we reject the appeal that means that we had an issue with the three points of judgment. We could not reject the appeal, but than apologize and give them compensation.

Usman Mushtaq – Even if we get three neutral people from Toronto and we put them in a room and asked to make a decision about Chad’s case it is impossible to get back to where he started. Health and Dental refused to address this their responsibility. This is the responsibility of council. Does council think that there is enough procedural errors to make overturn the committees decision. We have clearly shown procedural errors.

MOTION 03/08/11: Chad Winch Appeal of Health and Dental Committee Ruling
Moved Iain Reeve / __Benjamin Grant_____ BIRT that the SGPS overturns the decision of the Health and Dental Appeals Committee. This will be reworded and formulated for the AGM.

Carried

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the Annual General Council meeting are due Tuesday, March 15th, 2010.

The next Annual General Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22th, 2010.

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, April 5th, 2010.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th, 2010.

10. Adjournment

MOTION **03/08/11:14**

Moved _Iain Reeve_____ / _Logan Crowell_____ BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried

- 03/08/11
- MFB
- CFS-27
- Attached:
- February Minutes
- Attendance February Meeting
- March Reports
- Appendix – 1

Attendance March SGPS Council Meeting

Name		Represents	Present
Vacant	Vacant	Aboriginal Rep	
Marvin	Ferrer	Anatomy & Cell Biology	X

Christina	Prokopchuk	Art Conservation	X
Megan	Bylsma	Art History	X
Namit	Sharma	Biochemistry	
Celia	Symons	Biology	
Patrick	Turko	Biology	
Joe	Steele	Biomedical Engineering	X
Vacant	Vacant	Biostatistics	
Ben	Grant	Board of Trustees Rep	
Jonas	Gerson	Chem Eng (CEGSA) President	
Bob	Cockburn	Chemical Engineering	x
Nicole	Day	Chemistry	
Jonathan	Foster	Civil Engineering	X
Vacant	Vacant	Classics	
Nora	Zwingerman	Community Health and Epidemiology	
Eric	Rapos	Computing Science	X
Layan	Nahlawi	Computing Science	
Shannon	Speed	Cultural Studies	
Maralyne	Narayan	Development Studies	
Matt	Webb	Economics	
Julia	Brook	Education - Graduate - President	
Chi	Lam	Education - Graduate M.Ed	
Terry	Bridges	Education - Graduate PhD	X
Vacant	Vacant	Education Coordinator	
Tejinder	Dhaliwal	Electrical and Computer Engineering	
Jelena	Marelj	English	
Martha	Schabas	English	
Mike	McHugh	Environmental Studies	
Rebecca	ReginorId	ESS	
Sunny	Moondi	ESS	
Jennise	Fortner	ESS	X
Derek	Smalls	ESS Liason to SGPS	
Hayley	Backewich	ESS President	
Francesca	Fiore	French	
Kaleigh	Alkenbrack	Gender Studies	X
Clare	Wasteneys	Geography	
Giselle	Valarezo	Geography	
Vacant	Vacant	Geology	
Connor	Langford	Geological Society	
Dani	Dellaloye	Geological Society	
Corina	Fonyodi-Szarka	German	
Vacant	Vacant	Global Development	
Iain	Reeve	Graduate Senator	X
Sarah	Waurechen	History	X
Minoo	Kianizad	Industrial Relations	
Holly	McIndoe	International Rep	X
Hannah Legh	Jones	Kinesiology and Health Studies	
Jeremy	D'Souza	Law	
Brittany	Sargent	Law	X
Stephanie	Timerman	Law	
Alejandra	Encinales	Law - Graduate	
Brianna	Butchart	Law - LSS President	
Logan	Crowell	Law Senator	X
Joachim	Scholz	Management	
Vacant	Vacant	Math	
Vacant	Vacant	Mature Student Rep	

Jerome	James	Mechanical and Material Engineering	X
Andrew	Purssell	Microbiology	X
Justin	Thompson	Mining Engineering	
James	Snyder	Mining Engineering	
Tyler	Sutton	MPA	
Ethan	Zhao	Neuroscience	
Vacant	Vacant	Nursing	
Charlene	Brown	Occupational Therapy	
Lisa	Hughes	Part Time Rep	
Jess	Hickey	Pathology	X
Dulcai	Lai	Pathology	
Yohan	D'Souza	Pharmacology	
Ryan	McInerney	Philosophy	
Nathalie	Ouellette	Physics	X
Andrea	Mimee	Physiology	
Kate	McGarry	Policy Studies	
Charan	Rainford	Political Studies	X
Corrie	Goldfiner	Psychology	
Brent	Shaw	Public Administration	
Vacant	Vacant	Public Health	
Nick	Day	Rector	
Shauna	Connaughton	Rehab Sciences (Professional)	X
Ian	Gilchrist	Rehab Sciences (Research)	X
Tessa	Young	Rehabilitation Therapy	
Vacant	Vacant	Religious Studies	
Stephanie	Cork	Sociology	X
Tara	Downs	Spanish and Italian	
Ryan	Robinson	Theology	
Erin	Burns	Theology Senator	
Andrea	Renney	Urban and Regional Planning	X
Sean	Richards	Executive Director	X
Jawad	Qureshy	President	X
		VP Campaigns and Community	
Anne-Marie	Grondin	Affairs	X
Jillian	Burford-Grinnell	VP Finance and Services	X
Daniel	Moore	VP Graduate	X
Shaughnessy	Hawkins	VP Professional	X
Abdullah	Abunafeesa	Social Commissioner	X
Amanda	Leonard	Athletics Coordinator	
Corey	Valinsky	Logistics Coordinator	
Nicole	McCallum	Planning Coordinator	
Carloyn	Prouse	Equity Commissioner	
Kalanthe	Khaiat	Equity Coordinator	X
Amir	Nosrat	International Students' Coordinator	
Becky	Pero	International Students' Coordinator	
Ivana	Zelenika	Sustainability Coordinator	
Michael	Bravo	Speaker	X
Morgan	Craig-Broadwith	Deputy Speaker	X
Mikhail	Kellawan	Chief Returning Officer	X