

Transition & Delegation

My transition to this new position has taken place smoothly over the last month. I wish to express my deep gratitude to Jeff Welsh for his devotion to the Society and also for making himself available to ensure a thorough and effective transition. With the rapid expansion of the SGPS and breadth of issues we tackle, I aim to engage more members with SGPS activities as well as the University as a whole through committees, working groups, caucuses and all other bodies. Please check the SGPS website and newsletters regularly for postings.

Housing

There was a meeting with Principal Woolf immediately following the election. In this meeting, the Executive addressed the issue of housing and space for graduate and professional students. Principal Woolf expressed his support for the issue and especially for the idea of residence expansion and a residential graduate college. Various other university administrations including School of Graduate Studies and Student Affairs have also responded positively. Such support from the administration will be integral in proceeding further with this project.

Professional Students

At the last Council meeting, I stated, as one of my mandates, an improved relationship with the professional cohort. I have spoken to and met with representatives and presidents of professional student groups, including the Education Student Society and the Theological Student Society. Most recently, I have delivered a message of solidarity at the annual general meeting of the Law Student Society. I invite all professional students to contact me if you wish to address issues pertaining to professional student lives.

Child Care

The Child Care Working Group has drafted and circulated a report. More will follow after the Child Care Working Group meets later this month.

Queen's Centre

The first annual operational budget for the Phase One of Queen's Centre has been drafted at the Queen's Centre Transition Working Group. This budget initially included an SGPS Capital Surcharge fee, amounting to \$45,000. This is the SGPS equivalent of the capital commitment that the AMS has made to the Queen's Centre Project. I opposed this specific item and it has been removed from the budget, meaning this will

not be forwarded to the Queen's Centre Advisory Board for final approval. Other members of this Working Group, however, requested that we bring to the Council the possibility of passing a fee to make a capital commitment to the Queen's Centre. I wish to open the floor for discussion on this item and solicit your input via email.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria J. Bae

Vice President Graduate Transition:

Since assuming the position vacated by Joellen Lin in October I have spent the bulk of my time in transition meetings with members of the executive, the outgoing president Jeff Welsh, Joellen and the previous VP Graduate, Sean Tucker. Having been briefed on the extensive and exciting portfolio of the VP Graduate, I'm eager to utilize my new knowledge to advocate on behalf of our membership with the Queen's administration and within the SGPS.

Student Advisors:

Our two new student advisors are quickly learning their responsibilities and developing a strong rapport with their clients. They are both scheduled to attend Conflict Resolution training on November 7-8, 2009. I've met with all three advisors to discuss ways to better document and keep statistics on the personal issues/grievances of our membership. With the help of Sean Richards a website for the advisors was created (<http://www.sgps.ca/advisors/>) with pertinent university policies, advisor policies and documents. Within a month, the website will also host old student advisor term and year-end reports, and statistical information to be easily accessed by our membership. We've also discussed ways to promote the Student Advisor program, including workshops with graduate assistants/co-ordinators to ensure they are aware of the program and can direct students to the SGPS advisors. Given the overlap of issues between the Equity office and the student advisors, a meeting is planned in early December to ensure the two bodies work closely together. The bulk of the clients meeting with our advisors this term have voiced their concerns over funding issues and the nature of their TA/TF agreements.

The Student Advisors hold office hours:

Monday from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Tuesdays from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Academic Affairs Standing Committee (AASC):

The AASC committee has been dormant and I'm currently seeking new members to begin meeting in mid-November. The mid-month e-newsletter will issue a callout. A key project of this committee will be to liaise with graduate student bodies in each department to gather information and statistics on increased enrollment and departmental "restructuring" and the affects of both on TA/TF positions and graduate student life. I hope to have a report prepared for the membership by January 2010. If anyone is interested in joining the AASC they can contact me at vpq@sgps.ca.

TA Consultative Committee

The TA Consultative Committee was cancelled in October and rebooked for 24 November 2009.

Graduate Life Working Group (GLWG)

At my first meeting with the GLWG we discussed this year's graduate orientation and the progress on the GLWG website. Members of the working group were excited to hear that the current SGPS executive will make childcare/family and housing issues a central part of our mandate.

Respectively Submitted,

David Thompson
Vice President Graduate
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Hiring of Equity Commissioner

Over the past couple of week, I, along with other members of the Hiring Committee, had the pleasure of interviewing several applicants for the position of Equity Commissioner. We were introduced to some extremely impressive candidates and our final decision was a difficult one, reached after much discussion. We would like to thank all of the applicants, all of whom are a great asset to the SGPS.

We are very pleased to introduce our new Equity Commissioner, Sophia Virani. Throughout her undergraduate years, Sophia had the opportunity to interact closely with a number of marginalized groups. Her presence on the Residence Life Diversity Consultation committee gave her firsthand experience of working with minority groups and planning inclusive events. As part of the Inter Residence Council, she worked towards raising awareness and inclusivity within the students of the residence buildings as well as provided training in equity, inclusivity and confidentiality to incoming representatives. Her background in healthcare has also well versed her in the management of these issues. She was an active volunteer with SHEC (Student Health Education Centre) and the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) community center and is now actively involved in QCRED (Queen's Coalition against Racial and Ethnic Discrimination) initiatives.

We are very excited to welcome Sophia into her new role, and also to see the results of the effort she is excited to put forth. We are confident that she will do great things for equity awareness. Sophia can be contacted at equity@sgps.ca.

Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee had its first meeting on November 2nd. The dedicated members of this committee have a demanding task ahead of them. The committee, consisting primarily of Master of Industrial Relations students, will be putting the skills they are learning in their program to good use, as they perform thorough job function analyses of many of the positions within the SGPS. These analyses will involve doing overviews of current policies and job descriptions, conducting interviews with current holders of the positions and those who work with them, and shadowing SGPS employees. These analyses are going to help us improve our job descriptions, transition manuals, and internal communications structures. The Committee will also be making recommendations to improve hiring, discipline, and conflict resolution policies, and ensuring equity concerns are addressed throughout our bylaws and policies. Please hug an MIR student today (with consent.)

SONAD

The Senate Committee on Non-Academic Discipline is having its first meeting of the year on November 6th. I am the SGPS representative on this committee that reviews and recommends changes to Senate policies addressing non-academic discipline.

The Senate Policy on Student Appeals, Right and Discipline can be found here.

http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/policies/SARD_Policy.pdf

The Queen's University Student Code of Conduct can be found here.

<http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/policies/code2008.pdf>

I recommend everyone to take a look at both. If you have any questions or concerns you wish me to bring up at future SONAD meetings, send me an email.

Respectfully Submitted

Kate Kahn
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“...it’s dark outside and we’re wearing sunglasses.”

No more daylight savings, and regrettably, savings of any kind it would appear with Statistics Canada’s dubious distinction award for Ontario tuition fees. And here I thought Ontarians actually thought education was one of their priorities. Silly me. Hello again fellow SGPS members, I hope the fall colours have brightened these dark days somewhat. It seems as though we only just met to welcome our new executive members and to deal with assorted details so I don’t think this report will be as verbose as the last. However, before I begin, I must begin (!) with yet another apology: any and all mistakes or poorly recorded thoughts and ideas from the last council meeting are entirely my fault. I am admittedly the world’s worst minute taker. It appears I enjoy engaging in meaningful dialogue with my peers far too much to be distracted by typing and electrical issues. All credit for corrections to my abysmal attempt at minute-taking must go to our new President Victoria. Now, on to other things.

City of Kingston/Queen’s Relations:

I hope all of you have had a chance to check out the City’s newly launched mapping site. Word on the street (yes I said it) is that it is not terribly helpful but Tim Laparde assures me it is a work in progress.

We are forming a small test group to help determine the best means of promoting the Committee’s safety information and I have asked the SGPS membership for participation so we will see where this leads us in the next few weeks.

Internal Affairs:

After approval by council to hire QBC to determine the viability of our housing project, most efforts on that front have been put on hold pending their findings. I will report as more news presents itself.

The transitioning of our new executive members is coming along well and both Victoria and David have begun participating fully, and I must say, exceptionally.

Under the guidance of VP Professional Kate Kahn, a hiring committee was struck for the position of Equity Coordinator and I am glad to report of the candidates we have met thus far, all are excellent. We will have a determination by the time Council meets.

Principal Woolf met with the SGPS immediately following the ratification by Council of Victoria and David and it appears he will engage with the executive in a meaningful and positive manner from here on. This is good news as he mandated in his installation speech that he would be striking a task force to look into and develop solutions to the future of our university in these troubling times. It looks positive that he will include the

graduate student voice in these investigations. On a personal note, I spent a good deal of time with members of the AMS executive during and after the Principal's welcome dinner, and although entirely informal, many positive conversations ensued surrounding our two society's relationship with each other. I hope that continued good will shall foster increased cooperation.

The Journal interviewed myself and published an article about Statistics Canada's revelation about Ontario's tuition fees on Friday 23 October. I hope that I represented our membership well in said interview but I welcome any comments and or criticisms any of you may have. They also contacted me today regarding another story about our membership in the CFS. The Tuesday 3 November edition will reveal the nature of this article so I will have to table this until Council meets next week.

I met with the Community Housing Committee to discuss issues within the Student Village, Ann Clachan, and John Orr Tower. Two issues are worth mentioning here: the garbage/recycling issues plaguing John Orr, and the desire to go smoke free in all buildings. The first issue is a direct result of both the cutbacks to maintenance hours and to the misuse of the garbage chute and recycling facilities. Smoking is of course self-explanatory.

There is now some art in the SGPS office, hopefully none will offend. Any donations of good quality images of poster size or better would be appreciated. Contact me with details.

CFS National General Meeting and Some Dodgy Dealings with Anti-CFS Campaigners:

The national General Meeting is fast approaching and I am asking all members to bring forth any issues (these can be of a social matter or more directly related to education), that you would like me to bring forth. For those not familiar with the proceedings, matters brought by the membership are introduced, debated, and then passed or not in plenary sessions. In the past, motions have included support of various groups and efforts of all sorts so I encourage members to speak about items of relevance during my report in Council.

In less pleasing news, the SGPS were listed as an endorser of a "defederation" group based at McGill. In addition to ten or so individuals, the SGPS as an organization was listed in support of their disdain of the CFS. I posted a terse, albeit articulate, repost to this on their website and demanded both an explanation and the removal of said endorsement. I was assured that our inclusion was accidental but noticed that my response to the error was not posted. Additionally, I was told that if they were looking to "pad" their list of supporters, they would not have used such a small society as ours. Thus, we have been made to look as though we represented a group we did not and insulted all in the same 48 hours. Who are these people?

SGPS Campaigns:

I have made the decision to participate in the November 5th day of Action by focusing on the collection of signed post-cards for the Premier. Last year's participation numbers were apparently quite low and I feared spending an exorbitant amount renting a bus or

two for a mere handful of students would not reflect the will of Council or the will of the gods of finance. As such, we will instead be presenting the campaign on campus through media outlets and a table in front of the JDUC. Additionally, I am asking all members who TA large classes (and small ones too) to take post-cards with them and explain the issues to their classes and ask for support. I have done this in the two classes I TA and the undergraduates have responded quite positively.

An attempt was made to get endorsement for our campaign to re-instate UHIP for international students from the School of Graduate Studies but we were told that they did not want to water down their voice in these tough times and would not sign on. This was hugely disappointing as international students are one of the SGS's primary foci. We will continue to pressure them however.

The accessible water campaign has had a very positive start as, at our request, no bottled water was present during the Principal's round table panel, the installation, or the dinner that followed. The committee meets again mid-November.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Osterberg

2008-2009 Budget:

Thanks to the wonderful work of our Executive Director, last year's budget has been for the most part reconciled. The auditors will be reviewing our records beginning sometime this month as per required in our bylaws and policies.

Wages and Stipend Increases:

The Finance and Services Committee has expressed that it is unprepared to put forward a formidable proposition to increase wages for this general meeting (for details of the proposition, please visit my October 2009 report). The committee has suggested the propositions be put forward in March. At the same time, they have asked me to highlight this issue at the General Meeting, considering that an expected increase of \$47,000 will be directly affecting the membership.

New Executive Assistant Position:

Our Executive Director, Sean Richards, has submitted an official request for a new Executive Assistant that is to be hired beginning sometime prior to the next academic year. The proposition is based on the professional requirements of the Executive Director and the increasing workload on the SGPS central administration with a bigger membership and staff support base. The request has been submitted as an Appendix for this meeting. I will be requesting the Finance and Services Standing Committee and the Human Resources Special Committee to investigate the proposal and make recommendations to Council in a timely manner.

QBC Consultants and Housing Committee:

At the last Council Meeting, it was resolved that the SGPS hire QBC consultants to conduct feasibility studies on a potential SGPS Café and/or Housing Authority. The consultants are well underway and the Executive is satisfied with the progress of their work thus far. The success criteria were forwarded to Councilors before it was agreed upon between the SGPS and QBC and the final version has been submitted as an appendix for this meeting. Since the majority of the Housing Special Committee's functions as defined in the August Council session has been either performed or absorbed by the QBC, the Housing Committee and the Executive feel that there is no further purpose for the committee. The Committee has agreed to dissolve itself and members of the committee who would like to still work on housing issues have agreed to join the Graduate and Professional Housing Working Group that is coordinated by President Bae and Jason Laker from Student Affairs.

Bursaries:

The Executive's attempt to augment the bursaries has been met with failure since the administration feels they have similar programs that they administer themselves. Principal Woolf has agreed to augment the dental bursaries based on a proposition I have made that the SGPS and the administration contribute an equal amount every year. Unfortunately, details of the arrangement are being met with resistance from the staff who has been charged with the task of establishing a system to regularly augment the Dental Bursary. Furthermore, our insurance broker will inform me on the Wednesday after this report is due on whether or not they will contribute to the Bursary to compensate for their system failures during the opt-out period.

Club Registration:

I have made a motion to reform our club registration policies to facilitate the registration and administration of SGPS clubs. The reform has been made in collaboration with the

Executive and the Committee Coordinator. Under the new proposed structure, the majority of the work will be transferred from the Finance and Services Committee to the Committee Coordinator and would no longer require approval of Council. There are also less stringent deadlines and registration criteria.

Finance and Services Standing Committee:

The committee has initiated work on reviewing our health and dental services, our relations with the Grad Club, developing plans for potential uses of the extra space in JDUC as a result of the AMS transition to Queen's Centre, contingency plans for our services, as well as continuing to work on the proposed stipend increases.

Office Space:

I am working closely with President Bae in securing additional central office space for our growing administration.

Queen's Centre Transition Working Group (QCTWG)

QCTWG is charged with the task of developing mock budget models for the Queen's Centre to the administration. Members of the committee have suggested the inclusion of a SGPS capitalization fee to uphold previous SGPS expressions of support for the new Queen's Centre. The Executive and I have voiced our strong opposition to this idea but have agreed to bring the idea to this General Meeting for discussion. The reasoning behind our opposition has been the prevailing philosophy amongst SGPS members against the student contribution to capital projects that will be owned by the administration.

Committee on Strategic Planning:

After initial discussions with the Executive, I would like to propose the inception of a new Special Committee on strategic planning. This request comes from the experience of lacking long term goals from previous SGPS administration and the desire to establish consistency and continuity from on SGPS administration to the next. As VP Finance and Services, I have little time outside of my day to day tasks to establish documents and goals for the next administration, a feeling shared by the rest of the Executive. The initial Special Committee will serve as a pilot project on whether or not proceed with establishing a permanent body dealing with developing long term goals and strategies of the SGPS equipped with funding and a paid Chair position. The goal is to have the voting members of the Committee to be non-Executive members from the SGPS constituency.

Phone Cards: Unfortunately, I will not be having time to pursue the possibility of selling phone cards at discounted prices to our membership, though I would certainly devise a solution for this plan if Council feels strongly about pursuing the project.

Respectfully submitted,
Amir Hossein Nosrat
VP Finance and Services

Arts and Science Graduate Council meeting (October 26, 2009):

The School of Graduate Studies is still in the process of transforming its organizational structure. Once this process is complete, hopefully in the next twelve months, it will fulfill years of discussion and a Senate mandate to transform SGS into a more efficient organization. As it stands there are now seven faculty councils/committees: Faculty of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Law, Planning and Policy Program, School of Business. Because of its size, the Faculty of Arts and Science is still undergoing substantial changes since it involves separating the largest number of departments into two councils. The range of interdisciplinary programs within the faculty complicates this process. As such, the main thrust of the committee will be to determine a structure that is capable of streamlining communications and the policy making process that exists between line deans, the faculties, and graduate studies. The central concern for the SGPS right now is to ensure adequate graduate and professional student representation. The chair of the Arts and Science Council, Dr. John Pierce, Associate Dean (Studies) has been receptive to this request.

Senate (October 22):

Questions asked by then-President Jeff Welsh and I were, for the most part, responded to (see Appendix B and C). The response related to the Diversity Advisor position is still pending and another related to TAships will receive further clarification in January. With regards to the AODA (see Appendix B) requirements, more thorough audits are normally conducted when scans discover particular deficiencies when it comes to accessibility. Irene Bujara's oral response to question five addressed the extent to which Queen's is compliant with the Federal Contractors Program. Simply put, *we are compliant to the extent that we identify gaps and work to address them*. Back in 2003 the university received conditional compliance, as did many other universities at the time, largely because the data Queen's had for designated groups was outdated. After spending two years compiling this data, the information was lost due to technical problems and the university had to start again from scratch. A report on how Queen's is addressing this matter will be released shortly. The response to question four indicated that in the process of hiring, collective agreements are the most effective tools when addressing equity. However, Bujara noted that more formal rules and regulations need to be implemented, especially at the senior level, and that data collection should be taken up.

With space being an important issue in an ever-cramped campus, there are two relevant responses in Appendix C. The amount of space available to graduate

students has increased 41 percent since 2001 (matching the 41 percent increase in graduate student enrolment), but much of this has accommodated new programs rather than existing ones, the new School of Kinesiology being an exception. Queen's ranks 6th in the province when it comes to meters-squared per graduate student. Because provincial "Reaching Hire" money comes in over several years rather than all at once, Queen's must be sparing with how much it allocates each year unless it opts to debt finance projects.

Finally, the motion to support the Campaign for a Poverty Free Ontario and the day of action on November 5 received no objections (Appendix D).

School of Graduate Studies, Dean and Associate Deans (October 26, 2009):

Vicky Bae, David Thompson, and I met with the SGS Dean and Associate Deans on October 26. We requested more information on the SGS's conference travel award and the Dean's Doctoral Travel Award. Conference award funding, as many of you already know, is now distributed by individual departments. While the School of Graduate Studies provides the money, departments are responsible for developing policies related to the distribution of these awards. Internal deregulation has been the overarching theme of SGS reforms this past year. I requested specific numbers for the past three years to determine the budget for this award and how it has fluctuated over time. The historic amounts spent on the CTA are: 06/07 \$162,300; 07/08 \$188,100; 08/09 \$194,400; and this year the SGS allocated \$200,00 for the CTA. The same request was made for the Dean's Doctoral Travel Award. Any ABD doctoral candidate is eligible for this award. In the past PhD students conducting field research were almost guaranteed this source of funding, but the recent financial crisis has made this more of a competitive process.

Graduate Studies Executive Council (GSEC) (November 2, 2009):

Of the numerous issues addressed at GSEC, the most pressing related to time to completion (TTC) rates and proposed changes to the international tuition award (ITA) policy. Since 2001, average TTC for Master's programs has decreased across all faculties (Arts and Science, Health Sciences, Applied Sciences, and Others). While doctoral completion rates at Queen's are equal to or less than national averages, SGS wants to see the four-year time frame implemented across all departments. I questioned the arbitrariness of this time frame, but the response is that the Ontario Council for Graduate Studies (OCGS) has determined this number from an academic position. Considering the dramatic rise of graduate students over the past three years, part of the University's commitment to meeting provincial targets, one of the motivations is the relieving the "burden" graduate students place on institutional resources. While graduate students are hardly interested in deliberately prolonging their program, equal consideration needs to be given to academic, teaching, conference and publication expectations placed on students by departments and their discipline

and the role this plays in determining time to completion. *Note: the University collects department-specific data on completion rates but SGS is sparing with who has access to this data.*

The second, and perhaps more important issue of note relates to proposed policy changes to the international tuition award (ITA) program. ITA's provide \$5000 to international students –Master's and PhD – as a means of offsetting higher international tuition. Under the current policy, departments are obligated to provide ITA's to every incoming graduate student. The award is built through a specific ITA fund (\$1.3 million) and QGA's that have been distributed to departments. Some departments have complained that this policy restricts their ability to recruit international students who are *willing* to pay full tuition and study without an ITA. As a result, they have asked SGS to remove this obligation *for Master's students only* so as to expand the number of international students they can recruit in their department. (Please see Appendix A for a memo distributed by SGS to department graduate coordinators.) After asking the faculty representatives at GSEC if there are overarching policies in place that will govern the distribution of ITA's if the current practice is rescinded, the answer was no. Individual faculties and departments will ultimately be responsible for this task, so the likelihood of consistency across the university is minimal. On a positive note, this might effectively increase the number of international students attending Queen's and departments can, in theory, allocate awards based on need. *The Dean has asked for feedback before November 6. This date is partially due to upcoming overseas recruitment campaigns.*

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to let you know that we are carrying out all of our transactions for social events through both a pay pal and pay in person option. An online method has proven to be successful and we will continue to implement this system for the remainder of our social events.

I also wanted to update you on two fantastic social activities we carried out in the month of October 1) Oktoberfest and 2) Halloween Corn Maze.

Oktoberfest took place at the Amadeus Schnitzel Haus in downtown Kingston, we sold out and in fact we are looking to book the entire restaurant for next year since we unfortunately didn't have room for everyone in the previously booked area within the restaurant.

Also, approximately 30 people attended the Halloween Corn maze event on Wolfe Island and thanks to all those who attended and the wonderful staff at the corn maze we had a wonderful time!

Please stay tuned for our upcoming events, the social team and I are trying to organize one social event per month. We would love it if you would come out and join us for as many events as you can!

If you have any ideas for social events you would like to see this year, please e-mail me at social@sqps.ca

Respectfully Submitted,

Diala Habib
Social Commissioner

SGPS Computer Network

- I have replaced the computer in the Student Advisor office. Their previous computer had been in use for almost 7 years. It was time for an update as the old computer was not able to fulfill the requirements of Student Advisors.

SGPS Website

- I have continued my work on the back-end code necessary to allow us to administer bursary applications via the SGPS website. I am taking special care in developing this code to ensure our system works well for our membership.
- Final testing for our secondary webserver is complete. When our main webserver experiences heavy loads, the secondary server will reduce traffic to the main server.
- I have added a new section to the SGPS website for the Student Advisors. This new section of the site will serve as a repository of information for the Student Advisors, will help with transition, and will make information pertaining to Student Advisors more accessible to our membership. Please send any feedback you have regarding this section of the site to me. Once I ensure everything is stable with this part of the site, I will release it to our general membership. <http://www.sgps.ca/advisors>
- I am working on an archiving system for Student Advisor work. The purpose is to keep records and documents so we have a point of reference for what has happened in the past. Absolutely no confidential data is recorded. More details will follow in a future report.
- I have been working on the Front Desk section of our website. Having recently hired 2 new Front Desk Staff members, this was an ideal time to go through this part of the site to ensure it was as useful as it can be for our Front Desk Staff.

E-Newsletter

- I have been looking into a possible online submission system for E-Newsletter content. I will continue to investigate this possibility and report back in a future report.

Communications

- I have continued to work on the digital transition document system. I still have work to do in this area and will continue to report my progress.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Richards - info@sgps.ca

This past week, I attended four convocation ceremonies and participated in the Installation of Principal Woolf. All five events were full of interesting speakers; Queen's conferred 7 worthy people with honorary degrees: Tom Williams, Jeannette Armstrong, Jill Bolte Taylor, Frances Lankin, Buzz Hargrove, Paul Volcker, and Sheila Watt-Cloutier.

I have also been organizing visits to the undergraduate faculty societies with Morgan Campbell to present a "primer on University governance" and an introduction to the role of the Rector. I am happy to make presentations to your societies and organizations as well, and I look forward to attending an LSS meeting this month!

I also organized my first monthly "lunch with the Principal" last week with students from the Faculty of Law. If you are interested in meeting Principal Woolf for an informal lunch with a group of students from a particular club/program/advocacy group, send me a note and I'll see if I can set something up for next semester.

Not too much committee work to speak of – SONAD (Senate Committee on Non-Academic Discipline) will have its first meeting on Friday, November 6, and I look forward to that.

Respectfully submitted,

Leora