



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, October 14th, 2008 5:30pm
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

Ten minute talk with Dean of Student Affairs Jason Laker

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

10/14/08:1

Moved _____ Welsh _____ / _____ BIRT the agenda for October, 2008 be adopted.

MOTION

10/14/08:2

Moved _____ Welsh _____ / _____ BIRT the minutes for September, 2008 be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a) President – Jeff Welsh (report attached)
- b) VP Internal Graduate – Sean Tucker (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

MOTION

10/14/08:3

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

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

- a) Graduate Student Senator – Ray Saeidi
- b) Board of Trustees – Alfonso Nocilla
- c) Committee Reports
- d) Commissioner Reports
 - i) Social Commissioner – Diala Habib (report attached)
 - ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii) Equity Commissioner: Internal – Shauna Shiels (report attached)

- iv) Equity Commissioner: External – VACANT
- e) Other Reports
 - i) Committee Coordinator – Joellen Lin (report attached)
 - ii) Chief Returning Officer – VACANT
 - iii) Rector – Leora Jackson (report attached)
 - iv) Departmental Reports
 - Biology Department (report attached)

MOTION

10/14/08:4

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

7. Main Motions

MOTION

10/14/08:5

Moved ___ Joellen Lin Committee Coordinator / _____ BIRT that Matthew Shuster, Meghan Brook, Majid Malekan, and Brian Bencze be ratified as members of the SGPS Equity Issues Standing Committee.

MOTION

10/14/08:6

Moved ___ Joellen Lin Committee Coordinator / _____ BIRT that Jaime Denike and Laura Kinderman be ratified as members of the SGPS Space Standing Committee.

MOTION

10/14/08:7

Whereas Council suspend the motion passed during August Council meeting regarding to title change of SGPS VPs (8/12/08:8), and

Whereas the motion passed during August Council meeting regarding to the title change of the committee that VPs chaired (8/12/08:9) is now in effect (since no suspension of this motion was brought up), and

Whereas even though the committee title change was not affected by the position title change suspension, nonetheless, the committee title should be in keeping with the "spirit" of the title change,

Moved ___ Joellen Lin Committee Coordinator / _____ BIRT Council approve for the title of the committee that VP Internal (professional) chaired be changed back to SGPS Professional Students Standing Committee (instead of SGPS Internal Affairs Standing Committee); and

8. Other Business

SGPS Judicial Committee

Departmental social funding/fundraisers

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday November 4th, 2008.
The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday November 11th, 2008.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

10/14/08:18

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

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Attached:

Sept 2008 Minutes

Reports

Attachments:

Academic Integrity

Senate Motion for Academic Consideration



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MINUTES

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council

Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Tuesday, September 9th, 2008 5:30pm
McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

TAFAs Presentation – Andrew Stevens – Thanks to Council for allowing us to present again, and want to make certain that all is well. Good progress has been made, been out at many places, at SGPS events. We don't want to harass but only to make our presence known and to make sure that we aren't accused of being secretive. Good response over all from all different departments, not just humanities and social sciences. Still encouraging people to sign up as department reps.

Encourage you to look at 6 points for why Unionization is still best way to secure the benefits we've achieved. And if you're uncertain about signing a card, we are happy to come and talk with you.

Marcel Nelson – TAFAs department reps are links between TAFAs and department. A kind of a communication officer and general rep in department is also looking for Steering committee reps which guide the drive. From the SGPS we we're hoping to either have the SGPS departmental reps become TAFAs reps or to put us into contact with interested members in the departments. Also, hoping that TAFAs can come and make a presentation to your departments as well.

Krystle Maki – Great orientation – fabulous job and good feedback. First event coming up is a bbq on Sept. 17th at City Park and is free, please come out. Lots of info is available. The after party is at the grad club from 8 pm on. There is a town hall debate from Sept. 23rd on the drive and just wanted to inform the members about this and to invite them to discuss matters.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

9/09/08:1

Moved _____Welsh_____ / _____Rosner_____ BIRT the agenda for September, 2008 be adopted.

Motion

Moved by Pennimpepe / Mooore

Move that Motion 9 become Motion 10 and then add new motion 9:
BIRT that Council approve the 2008-2009 budget final reading, see appendices 1 and 2 for details.

Carried, one abstention.

MOTION

09/09/08:2

Moved ____ Welsh ____ / ____ Rosner ____ BIRT the minutes for August, 2008 be accepted.

Carried

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

a) President – Jeff Welsh (report attached)

- Welcome. Hopefully you went to the biosciences welcome event. It is new. More than 800 people came and the Grad School seems to want to invest more resources into grad students, which is a good thing. As for space issues, the SGPS has been trying to find more space for grad students, space for us and for grad students, like a grad lounge. We've been trying to identify some spaces for us – been talking to dean of student affairs, who owns a number of houses that could accommodate us, at least in interim while the JDUC is destroyed. Wanted to flag the space committee and if you are interested we are meeting later this month and encourage you to come and participate. The SGSR is reviewing grad student funding packages, comprehensive review (everything is on the table). There is a working group and I'm on that and the faculty deans will be there. Will report back once there is more to inform.

b) VP Academic Affairs – Sean Tucker (report attached)

- The TA consultative committee, the SGPS has a seat on it, in the journal today, a story about the review it did. The committee has not talked about the review we did. At that meeting, I will raise the issue of this committee during the Union drive. We are concerned that the University may portray the committee in a favorable light and could interfere with the drive. Traditionally the committee has not met often, and has not been too active. Also, there is a town hall on unionization on Sept 23 at Ellice hall and have invited reps from TAFE and other interested parties including sgpr, psac, sgps, etc.

c) VP Internal – Jamie Kneen (report attached)

- Please read report. Want to revamp the SGPS hr regime, commissioners, coordinators, the exec positions, almost everything. We ought to change the structure of the SGPS in order to meet the needs of membership, eg. Professional students and master's students. Want changes for next year. Can try new things such as rotating terms, etc. Also working on relationships with other student government. Want to strengthen relationship with Grad Club. Starting professional student standing committee, please join. Have office hours, Monday and Wednesday mornings. Finally, wanted to thank the social team, the ED and the front desk staff, for O-week and opt-outs and opt-ins.

d) VP Campaigns and Community Relations – Mark Rosner (report attached)

- CFS day of Action; academic integrity

Pennimpede – what is status of academic amnesty?

Rosner – submitted motion to senate and we should find out at end of Sept.

e) VP Finance and Services – Vicky Bae (report attached)

- Budget is attached.

f) Speaker – Seth Irwin

- No report.

MOTION

09/09/08:3

Moved ____ Han ____ / ____ Welsh ____ BIRT Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

Carried.

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

- a) Graduate Student Senator – Ray Saeidi
- b) Board of Trustees – Alfonso Nocilla
- c) Committee Reports
- d) Commissioner Reports

Social Commissioner – Diala Habib (report attached)

- O-week was a great success, thanks to all involved and everyone who came out, if you have any idea for social events please let us know. Also if you are doing an event in your department please let us know and we can communicate to the membership if you like.

- ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
- iii) Equity Commissioner: Internal – Shauna Shields (report attached)
- iv) Equity Commissioner: External – Cheryl Sutherland (report attached)

e) Other Reports

Committee Coordinator – Joellen Lin (report attached)

- Coordinating the committees and making sure that they appear on website so that people are informed and to fill committee vacancies. Have recruited Mark to serve on committee. The Queen's day Care Centre meeting is still open, please contact me if interested.
- Tucker – Important that we have representation on the committee, the wait lists are very long, graduate students technically have priority but not guaranteed.
- Lin – Agreed – many grad students have children and require use of this service.
 - ii) Chief Returning Officer – VACANT
 - iii) Rector – Leora Jackson
 - iv) Departmental Reports

MOTION

09/09/08:4

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

5. Question Period/Departmental Complaints

Rosner – Please ask questions if you have.

Pat Welsh – LSS senator, we didn't realize that we have a seat on SGPS council, but glad to be here. One order of business, on behalf of LSS President. At August meeting, we couldn't be there due to the fact that we are not on campus during the summer. The names of the exec position changed, specifically VP Professional to VP Internal. These changes were to take effect immediately, but according to SGPS bylaws, the changes to take effect must be passed by Council and AGM. The name change went from VP Professional to VP Internal Affairs. We are concerned that Professional students are not going to get the representation required. Two concerns, one about process and one about the substantive worth of changing the names. Request that the change be struck and that we discuss and debate whether the change is in fact worthwhile.

Pat Welsh – No change can take effect immediately because AGM hasn't passed. So we think it would be good to table the changes until the AGM, because the changes were not duly passed. If we are to follow of the SGPS bylaws, we should not let the changes take place, until duly passed at AGAM, according to

MOTION

BIRT that according to Bylaw and Policy 13.2-13.4 we follow the rules set out in these clauses and revert back to the previous names and definitions of per 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 of the SGPS Bylaws.

Moved by P Welsh / J Welsh

Welsh (J) – Want to explain why we did this at the last meeting in order to take back to LSS. Our thinking was that the titles of the positions have been unclear, and we have many questions about what the VP grad or what committee does. Wanted to alter titles in order to clarify roles and responsibilities. We were concerned that it would be confusing to do it mid-year. Saw it as purely a cosmetic change, because no part of the roles would change. On this score the bylaws were unclear to us, because we saw the change as purely cosmetic. Also to be on the safe side we were going to ratify it at AGM. And we should have this discussion.

Kneen – I’m in favor, coming from the professional background, the removal of the title does mean that there can be a substantive change from the perspective of professional students. But I primarily deal with HR issues, even though this position must be filled by professional students. Would be wise to table this motion, as the title is important to membership, until we can make substantive by law changes before and at the AGM.

Richardson – This position just dropped the word professional, the change that is, and as solution could we just add the word professional.

P Welsh – Previously the position was VP Internal Professional, after change the Professional was dropped. In other policy documents, item 2.3.12 delineates the role of the position, part of which is to represent concerns of professional students. This is why we think that the change is not merely cosmetic, but alters the position. The LSS is concerned that we weren’t part of the discussion, as professional students. And we do not perceive the change as merely cosmetic. Professional students have differing priorities sometimes and we need the SGPS to respond to our concerns.

Kneen – Adding the word would help, but we should follow our bylaws, not drop the word internal. The changes wouldn’t be merely cosmetic and we should wait till the end of the year in order to make changes

Motion carries.

Rector report – The Queen’s Centre is on schedule, the Queen’s Centre review will be back in October (phases 2 and 3). New collective bargaining agreement with faculty.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

7. Main Motions

MOTION

09/09/08:5

Whereas the SGPS Final Report on the TA/TF Survey was distributed to Council on August 12 and released to all SGPS members via the SGPS website on August 25, 2008.

Moved ___ Tucker VPAA / _____ Bae _____

BIRT that Council accept the findings and recommendations contained in the Final Report on the TA/TF Survey.

Tucker – Have copies here. Meant to put in august meeting. If interested, please come and see me.

Carries. Two abstentions.

MOTION

09/09/08:6

Moved __ Joellen Lin Committee Coordinator / _____ Bae _____
BIRT that Mark Hoidas be ratified as a member of the SGPS Appointing Standing Committee.

Carries.

MOTION

09/09/08:7

Moved __ Joellen Lin Committee Coordinator / _____ Han _____
BIRT that Mohamed Hefny be ratified as the chair of the SGPS Campus Sustainability Standing Committee and Mathieu Garand, Atef Mohamed, Suzie Ellwood, and Jessica Hawryshyn be ratified as members of the SGPS Campus Sustainability Standing Committee.

Carries.

MOTION

09/09/08:8

Whereas the SGPS must secure adequate office space in the Queen's Centre or elsewhere on campus, and

Where as the university has set goals to improve graduate student life on campus, and

Where as the graduate students don't always have adequate space for their academic works, and

Where as the graduate student residence in JDUC will be torn down next year but the plan for the new residence at the Queen's Centre has not been finalized, and

Whereas SGPS members have indicated in recent surveys that they would like more Graduate Student social space.

Moved __ Joellen Lin Committee Coordinator / _____ J Welsh _____ BIRT Council establish the SGPS Space Standing Committee; and
BIFRT the SGPS Space Standing Committee be Chaired by the SGPS President or his/her delegate; and
BIFRT the SGPS Space Standing Committee consist of as many SGPS members as the Committee Chair deems proper.

Richardson – the motion says plan for residence in queen's centre, but there is no residence in queen's centre.

Welsh – we are talking with admin about finding spots for grad students. Concerned that there won't be residence.

Richardson – but no chance for residence in queen's centre.

Welsh – perhaps, given the review. Meetings are happening and we will advocate for grad residence in the queens centre or an adequate alternative.

Carries.

Motion

BIRT that Council approve the 2008-2009 budget final reading, see appendices 1 and 2 for details.

Webb – There is a discrepancy between the two expense lines. As written, the numbers don't properly reflect that we have a surplus.

Welsh – Senator and Trustee are remunerated by honoraria. Undergrad senators aren't remunerated. Kneen – Our rules differ from AMS. Most positions in the SGPS are remunerated, but revising this policy that would require by law changes and take effect at start of the year.

Welsh – Don't want to rock the vote but just to bring to Council's attention.

Moved by Bae / Welsh

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09/09/08:08

8. Other Business

Irwin – Deputy Speaker position is open, the position is paid. Please see me.

Richards – The position is paid (\$50) a meeting, and there is about 3 hours of work per meeting.

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday October 7th, 2008. The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday October 14th, 2008.

Pennimpede – GRAD CLUB BBQ this Thursday at 5pm. \$1 veggie burger and hot dogs with purchase of beverage. Come one come all.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

09/09/08:09

Moved _Bae_____ / ___Han_____ BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

Carries.

6:40 pm adjourned.

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Attached:

August 2008 Minutes

Reports

Appendix I – Budget Guide