



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, September 8th, 2009, 4:00pm
JDUC Room 240

1. Presentations

Presentation by the SGPS Housing Committee has been postponed to the next meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION

09/08/09:1

Moved Edwards / Nosrat BIRT the agenda for September 8th, 2009 be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION

09/08/09:2

Moved Nosrat / Cole BIRT the minutes for August, 2009 be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

a) President – Jeff Welsh (report attached)

Next meeting will include an orientation to council in addition to the regular meeting.

b) VP Graduate – Joellen Lin (report attached)

Late.

c) VP Professional – Kate Kahn (no report)

Absent.

Richards – On behalf of the Vice President Professional, I wish to urge you to join the Internal Affairs Committee, chaired by the Vice President Professional.

d) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Steve Osterberg (report attached)

Late.

e) VP Finance and Services – Amir Nosrat (report attached)

Wish to solicit feedback of Councillors on the possible merging of Grad Club to the SGPS. Had a good first meeting regarding the SGPS-AMS service agreement. One of the ideas is to introduce a category B fee in order to give us the needed flexibility in terms of handling the shared businesses.

Nocilla – Is the University administration involved in the SGPS-AMS service agreement project?

Nosrat – It is only between the two societies. No need for the University to be involved.

J. Welsh – In fact, it should be preferable for university administration to remain uninvolved in this negotiation as this does not concern them in any way and it is our right to negotiate terms and conditions of our contribution to services.

f) Speaker – Mark Rosner (no report)

MOTION

09/08/09:3

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

Carried unanimously.

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

a) Graduate Student Senator – Andrew Stevens (no report)

Absent.

b) Board of Trustees – Alfonso Nocilla (late report now attached to the minutes) Daniel Woolfe has commenced his term as the new Principal.

Of particular interest to graduate students, Principal Woolf is working with Deans and Schools and details will be given in the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting. If there are issues you wish to bring to his attention, please feel free to contact me.

University financial issues were also discussed at the last meeting and Principal Woolf explained some positive aspects of it. He acknowledged that the future continues to look challenging for the time being, however. Principal Woolf is also very enthusiastic about communicating with students and opened himself up for contacts from students. There will be a new university protocol particular for constituency groups seceding from a society and joining another. University Council meeting in May shed light on the issue of the old and outdated university governance system.

c) Committee Reports

d) Commissioner Reports

i) Social Commissioner – Diala Habib (report attached)

Is away on coordinating this evening's event.

ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)

Nothing to add.

iii) Equity Commissioner: Usman Mushtaq (report attached)

SGPS Accessibility Committee is looking for members. Please let me know if you are interested.

e) Other Reports

i) Committee Coordinator – Laura Gale (no report)

ii) Education Coordinator – Vacant

iii) Equity Coordinator – Laura Szabo Greisman (no report)

iv) Rector – Leora Jackson (report attached)

v) Chief Returning Officer – Vacant

vi) Departmental Reports

MOTION

09/08/09:4

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

Carried unanimously.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

Leora – Now that the ESS students are back to campus, what has been going on to accommodate them?

J. Welsh – Many things. For one, we revised our bylaws and policies in order to formalize their promised positions. The positions are the Education Coordinator and 4 voting representatives. We also worked with their Transition Officer to coordinate the orientation and executives attended some of their events.

Richards – We have also been working extensively with the university registrar to best work on their complex fee issue. We are now awaiting the election results.

Hickey – I am the departmental representative from Pathology. Many students seem unaware of the 3-month thesis submission policy and it can be a problem for departments such as Pathology. I wish to flag this out to the general membership and all of you here.

J. Welsh – We can incorporate this information on the website. Also, for similar issues, please contact Joellen Lin so she can bring this to the attention of the School of Graduate Studies.

Speaker – Please feel free to bring updates on this issue.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

2nd Reading

MOTION

09/08/09:5

Moved Edwards / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS contribute (\$5443.51) to the Student Constables from SGPS financial reserves for the 2009-10 academic year.

Edwards – Is there anyone from the Student Constables here?

Speaker – Yes, and they also circulated a copy of their operational budget for the last 5 years.

Yun – I am the Vice President Operations of the AMS. To quickly recap the background in requesting this contribution, budgeting of AMS services last year has been done before the Education Student Society secession from the AMS. They therefore included fees collected from Education Students while budgeting and now that this amount is no longer available, they will meet a budget shortfall issue.

Ceci – By the time the Education Student Society seceded from the AMS, it was past the time for budgeting of this fiscal year. We therefore were not able to accommodate this change in our budget. It has come out of the meeting with SGPS, AMS, Student Affairs and VP Academics that SGPS makes a one-time contribution as a good gesture, in order to make up for the budget deficit arising from these unusual circumstances.

Edwards – I see that the Service ran surpluses for the last 2 years. Why are you in need for SGPS contribution, especially when our contribution is comparatively small?

Yun – The wages are going up and there is a new provincial legislation regarding the training and more money will be spent on both parts. Therefore, surpluses from the last 2 years will not sufficiently make up for the projected expenses.

Edwards – Why can you not pass on to the TAPS, increase charges and so on in order to increase the revenue?

Yun – Such action will reduce both the quality of the service and amount of traffic.

Edwards – Does this service affect SGPS significantly? How much do our members benefit from this service?

Keyes – All Queen’s campus must go through sanctioning from the Office of Student Constables. We are unsure of the exact figures on how much the SGPS members are affected, but SGPS membership still is a significant part of the service as SGPS members certainly use the on-campus pubs such as the Queen’s Pub and Alfies.

Yun – We looked for alternative security services so we may down the budget that way, but by far the Office of Student Constables offer cheapest service at the highest quality.

Edwards – You mean private contractors would cost much more. But if you were to raise the charges, you will still be undercutting the private contractors. Increase in cost per individual would only be marginal. Why can we not take this approach?

Keyes – For one, increase in cost will discourage people from applying for sanctioning. Unsanctioned events will place students under a much higher risk.

Edwards – I see that the wages do not even match what the AMS is charging.

Yun – All such comments are valid, but this is not an ongoing issue. We are only asking for a one-time contribution in light of the issues arising out of the secession of Education Student Society.

P. Welsh – Are there any guarantees that this will only be a one-time contribution? This seems like a difficult situation as the SGPS has no access and power over these services. For instance, in terms of applying for jobs with these services.

Ceci – This will not repeat itself, as this has been settled between the two societies as well as Board of Trustees and Office of Vice Principal Academics. The exclusivity of job applications is actually a right given to the undergraduate students and simply has been the tradition. To answer Edwards – this is not only an issue of the budget, but also to facilitate the smooth transition for the secession. This decision has come out of much deliberation and all involved parties have agreed to it. Please recall that this is only one of over 30 fees that have been affected as such and is the only one that remains to be paid still.

Osterberg – It seems that the SGPS’s issue is that you are asking us for money regardless of the impact of how the respective service on our membership. We believe that you can just find this money from your budget. We are also wondering why we should make this contribution, albeit the small size of it, because we suspect the effect of the service on our membership is quite insignificant. We have no say in how the service is run, our members cannot work for the Office of Student Constables, and now it appears like you are running surpluses.

Ceci – We cannot simply pull money from one place to another as we see fit. We must stick to our budget once it has passed at the AMS Assembly.

Osterberg – I am in no way suggesting that you should make dodgy changes and spend arbitrarily. I am merely suggesting that you can make official changes to reallocate your money to make up for these projected losses. For one, you have the surpluses from the last 2 years.

Ceci – The surpluses are not going to remain as surpluses, as there is now the new bill to increase the mandatory training. The same argument can apply to

other fees like WalkHome, which passed at the last Council meeting without further ado. Please consider this fee also in the lines of that.

Nosrat – I wish to point out that the set of fees we passed simply shows a good faith in the working relationship we have maintained with the AMS. We have already given over \$20,000 on good faith and do we want to make this effort futile by refusing \$5000? Please be reassured that I and the Executive are working very hard on the Service Agreement and this agreement will return this good faith to us.

Church – We do not want the Education Student Society transition to be problematic, but there are issues that still have to be considered. What will be the ramifications on SGPS not passing this fee, as per the agreement between SGPS, AMS, and Vice Principal Academics?

Ceci – As it stands now, this contribution must come from the SGPS, regardless of its sources.

J. Welsh – If this motion is defeated, my impression is that, based on the Board of Trustees decision, we will be asked to make this contribution in another way.

Church – What was the nature of the agreement? How strictly bound are we?

Speaker – this agreement is attached to the August meeting minutes.

J. Welsh – Nothing was signed. But it is the position of the University and the apparent position of the Board of Trustees that SGPS helps the AMS in compensating for the transition at the financial level. We can defeat this motion today and not pay out of the reserve, but Board of Trustees has the authority to assess us this fee. My guess is that the AMS will get this money one way or the other.

Nocilla – My main concern here is that ever since this issue first came up in last February, it has been dragging on. Despite the Vice Principal Academic's friendly gesture to mediate, this issue is still dragging on. At the SGPS level, this is a significant amount, but at the same time, it may not be in our and Education Student Society's best interest to drag this issue further.

Church – We can simply have the Trustee take over the issue at the Board of Trustees.

Edwards – I looked into the history of this issue and there appears to be a contentious issue based on age. How is this going to be dealt with? Secondly, where is the tipping point – what research have you done to show that you will run deficit despite 2 year's surpluses without our contribution? I also saw that supposedly for the SGPS members, you are now holding Jazz nights at Alfie's on Mondays. Jazz Night? Do we all look 60 to you?

Jackson – Point of personal privilege..

Speaker – Point well taken. Please keep this on topic.

Edwards –. Why are you assuming that SGPS members are so different in taste and such from undergraduate students?

Osterberg – I wish to ask one question that will swing my decision. Before that, I wish to note that University Administration should be out of this because once they start getting involved in these issues, they will continue to interfere with everything. The question is, there does not seem to be a service on campus that will stand to lose over \$5000 simply because you are required to increase the

wage by \$0.30. Where is the rationale for this fear that services will fail and stop to exist because you are charging a little bit more to cover your operational expenses?

Mushtaq – What kind of anti-discriminations policies do you have in mind? Not only in terms of age, but how are you trained on issues like races and accessibility? I understand you are professionalizing your staff, but they are still students, amateurs and are part-time only.

Yun – All staff and volunteers of AMS receive mandatory equity training. If there have been any issues on this, this will warrant our full attention. As opposed to your earlier point, charter rate is not our main concern. Our main concern is the small clubs who are required to have the Office of Student Constables sanctioning. Our fees are already burdensome and this will further burden or deter these organizations from being active, or holding legitimate events. Regarding the surplus – the constable service for Clark Hall Pub merged to the Office of Student Constables. We do budget for possible deficits and we have run deficits, but because of this unexpected revenue, we ended up running a small, unexpected surplus. Regarding the article in one of the 2005 Journal issues, we have a non-hands on policy and we are non-authoritative and mainly work by way of cooperation. The age issue therefore really should not be an issue, and if there is a problem, we will fully investigate it.

Ceci - I support Nosrat's statement about the good faith. For one, SGPS members enjoy the same quality of service with WalkHome despite the fact that SGPS pays \$3.75 less per member. Hopefully this fee issue will not repeat itself, but please consider that this is a one-time event and this will protect the strong working relationship between the two societies.

Yun – Also, please keep in mind that the AMS has tried to sustain these losses first by making budget changes in consultation with our Board of Directors. This is still in process and we have come to the SGPS only for what could not be resolved on our own.

MOTION

09/08/09:N1

Moved _____ Nosrat _____ / _____ Osterberg _____ BIRT the question be called.

Carried unanimously.

(Original motion) Carried.

MOTION

09/08/09:6

Whereas the SGPS has been exceeding expenditures in certain 2008-2009 Budget lines.

Moved _____ Nosrat _____ / _____ Chris _____ BIRT that a total of \$2120.00 be added to EI & CPP under Schedule 9;

BIFRT that a total of \$3000.00 be added to Conferences under Non-Schedule Budgeted Items.

Church – Can you give details about the Conferences line?

Nosrat – This money is spent to send executive and individual members to student conferences such as those by Canadian Federation of Students.

Church – Sending any more than 3 – or even 3 – to Canadian Federation of Students seems to be excessive and wasteful.

Osterberg – We do not always send people to the Canadian Federation of Students conferences. The ones that we do send people to are immensely valuable. We also practice cost-saving tactics like car pools. We learn about issues outside of campus and also what happens in other campuses. Last conference, we had 8 members attend it, but other than that, I was usually the only one who attended these events as the SGPS representative.

Church – Point of Clarification for other Councillors: this line is not for students traveling to academic conferences. This line supports executive and members to attend student activity conferences.

P. Welsh – Given the substantial amount and given the fact that there are concerns over the Conferences line, I think these lines warrant a separate consideration.

MOTION

09/08/09:N2

Moved _____ *Welsh* _____ / _____ *Church* _____ BIRT the SGPS Council considers Motion 09/08/09:6 as 2 separate motions.

Hicky – I am in favour of P. Welsh's motion. Also, the money to be moved to these lines – is it from surpluses in other lines?

Nosrat – Correct.

Carried.

Whereas the SGPS has been exceeding expenditures in certain 2008-2009 Budget lines.

MOTION

09/08/09:N3

Moved _____ *Nosrat* _____ / _____ *Chris* _____ BIRT that a total of \$2120.00 be added to EI & CPP under Schedule 9.

Carried unanimously.

Whereas the SGPS has been exceeding expenditures in certain 2008-2009

Budget lines.

MOTION

09/08/09:N4

Moved Nosrat / Chris BIRT that a total of \$3000.00 be added to Conferences under Non-Schedule Budgeted Items.

P. Welsh – You mentioned we went over a few thousand dollars in this line. Could you clarify why? Was it budgeting oversight problem?

Richards – \$10500 budgeted.

P. Welsh – Is this line in support for student government conferences only, or does it include academic conferences too?

Nosrat – Only the student life ones. Also, this motion is to cover for last year's expenses, not to increase the budget amount for this year.

P. Welsh – Are we moving money to cover for the deficit from 08-09 budget retroactively, or for 09-10?

Nosrat – To cover for the deficit from last year's.

Osterberg – This is a good point. We are only covering for a loss that already happened. We are not asking to give more money to this line for this year.

Church – Having been to these conferences, I still feel that 8 people are quite excessive. To send that many people on regular basis is simply wasteful. Did you send people to both the spring and fall semi-annual, or just the general meeting?

Speaker – Point of information: I attended most of these conferences and various functions as the Vice President External last year, but I was often alone.

Church – it makes sense for the Vice President External to attend these things. But what is the point of sending so many people apart fro the Vice President External to these functions?

J. Welsh – We do not normally, and did not for this past conference, plan to send so many people. We did, however, want to alleviate the workload of the main travelers like Vice President External by giving the opportunity to other people as well, at least once per year. This is not something we intend to do for multiple meetings every year.

Church – In 2006, my experience was that we do not need that many people, and personally these events themselves appear to be quite futile.

Mushtaq – I hope to point out that the very last conference we went to, we were able to cover all constituency group meetings because we had at least 1 person from SGPS attending each of the constituents. You may disagree, but students from different groups do exist on campus and it is important for us to have a good knowledge of it. By not attending any one of the constituency meetings, we stand to lose the opportunity to learn about what goes on in the world outside the campus.

P. Welsh – We did not exactly wish to discuss the merits of these functions. We are hoping to discuss the merits of sending so many delegates to these costly events.

Osterberg – I think we are actually discussing the next motion, which is to make changes to how much money will be given this year. But the question on why and how the overspending happened was never answered so I wish to have that question answered. I will then move to call the question.

Nosrat – This was not exactly due to a poor oversight. The Canadian Federation of Students assess these fees and it is not under our control how much we will be charged per delegate. At the same time, we cannot control how many people apply to attend these events.

J. Welsh – It was beyond our control as we rounded up people and the CFS assessed these fees.

Osterberg – Please recall that this is only about reallocating for pay for what has already been spent.

P. Welsh – It is not in any way less important to have these discussions regardless of what order it has been done: overspending or moving the line first, so let us not forget that.

Speaker – I occasionally had to pay out of pocket because of unexpected issues, but only to be reimbursed later.

J. Welsh – People are not paid to go, or required to pay for themselves. This is to pay for Canadian Federation of Students' registration fee and such.

Nocilla – So in summary, students do not pay out of pocket for these meetings.

J. Welsh – No.

(Original Motion) Carried unanimously.

MOTION

09/08/09:7

Moved Nosrat / Osterberg BIRT the Council approve the second reading of the 2009–2010 operating budget.

Nosrat – Budget has been revised based on the trend from the recent years. It also reflects the Education Student Society joining the SGPS.

Amendment - MOTION

09/08/09:N5

Moved Edwards / Osterberg BIRT to amend this budget. to reduce by \$1500 from advertising (S1); \$1500 from campaigns (S3); \$1000 from Transition & Planning (S3); \$500 Promotions (S3); \$500 General Office (S4) from the SGPS 2009–2010 operating budget.

BFTRT transfer \$5000 thus reduced from these 4 lines to Exec internal for the purpose of paying for the pilot program.

J. Welsh – The above amendment would help to find money to hire people to do the following. These positions will be pilots and will not automatically become permanent positions of the SGPS.

- to deal with childcare and family issues of our membership since the University is about to receive the childcare report on viable medium-term solutions and SGS is also considering adding or amending policies regarding the mat leave like funding and completion clock; to internally better accommodate our members with dependents; someone with expertise needed to attend Q daycare meeting, the board meeting and the SGS discussions
- another pilot program: working women's caucus; HRO, EO and Senate equity office are jointly looking for collecting and analyzing data on admissions, funding package and completion time issues that graduate and professional students face; again we need someone with more expertise and availability and we can give honorarium in return
- assistant to VP Campaigns to get information out to members and to receive feedback
- sustainability coordinator
- the reason money was pulled from these specific lines is because: advertising is best done by people actually doing things and making changes; promotions are basically material and advertising purposes; my rationale as a whole is to spend more money into people making changes; general office was increased by \$1500 and with new changes this is no longer necessary

Nosrat – I am against this amendment. The first and foremost reason would be that we are not given enough notice to consider these projects thoroughly. Also, this budget took much deliberation in devising and has already passed its first reading and making such big changes at second reading is not advisable. Third and most important point was the concerns by the Speaker in better enforcing our stipend/honorarium policy. If we are to start hiring people and paying things like honoraria arbitrarily like this, it can have lasting negative effect. I also wish to seek advice from other Councilors on this issue.

P. Welsh – I am in favour in general but also in favour of prudence. The process is irregular. Ideas are great and the amounts seem fair, but the way this is being done is quite unusual.

Mushtaq – I am in favour, especially for the child carers' program. About 17% of SGPS members have dependent and childcare on campus is at a devastating status.

Church – What would the hiring process be for these positions?

J. Welsh – We will strike a hiring committee for each and it will include the Vice Presidents who will oversee this position as well as a commissioner who work with respective issues.

Church – It is not fair for members to have to decide this with haste and with not enough time to overlook the budget in light of this issue.

J. Welsh – One reason wanted to do this here is because this is the second reading and to make changes after is a very difficult process. By putting it in the Exec Internal line, moving money is made easy.

Church – If Vice President Finance has expressed concerns over a financial matter, they are probably significant.

J. Welsh – Part of my motivation to push these ideas is because of my leaving the position, after working on many of these issues extensively for the last year and a half. I do not wish for other execs and employees to have to undertake this issue and have to be overstretched more than they are now.

Church – This motion is not only to make changes to the budget. It is to actually violate the policy.

Osterberg – Can we table this motion?

Nosrat – Another one of my concern is about the compensation for our staff. I personally would like to see a better reinforcement of that policy. I essentially like all these ideas, but I wish to have more time to evaluate these ideas before making financial decisions.

Burford-Grinnell – Point of information: if we were to move it as Welsh suggested, how difficult is it to move it back in the future?

Nosrat – Moving it back will be quite difficult. Also, our policy requires 2 meetings for amounts over \$5000. We can start the process of doing the exact same things next month and it will not affect their functions as these won't even be in practice yet.

Osterberg – We are in the crunch right now because of the unusual circumstances in which passing this amendment will impose. It is easier to move money within exec internal, BUT it still has to go through some self-policing internally within the executive. Therefore I support this motion now for the transfer of lines then we can discuss the details of spending later.

Leora – I am against this motion. These are important issues but I am against putting money into places that have not even been established yet, and also with haste.

MOTION

09/08/09:N6

Moved ___ Welsh ___ / ___ Church ___ BIRT the SGPS Council extend the September meeting by half an hour.

Carried.

P. Welsh – We have struggled in the past with compensation allocation. It is a step backward to so hastily make changes.

J. Welsh – Given that we will need at least 2 months to make these changes were it to fail at this point, we can bring them into effect earliest in December. With executives finishing March, when are we going to do actual work? By reallocating now, we can accept proposals and such as early as October and work out the details from there. By not doing so, our hands are tied. We do have policies regarding compensation, but those are only for permanent positions and these are only pilots and should be considered differently.

MOTION

09/08/09:N7

Moved Edwards / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS Council call the question on the amendment.

Carried.

(Amendment N:5) Fails.

MOTION

09/08/09:N8

Moved Edwards / Osterberg BIRT the question be called on the main motion.

Carried.

(Original Motion 09:7) Carried unamended.

- Election of Chief Returning Officer has been tabled to October meeting.

7. Main Motions

MOTION

09/08/09:08

Whereas the Housing Committee was established in Council's August session,

Whereas the Housing Committee along with the Executive were charged with the task of initiating the process of establishing a separate Housing Authority which remains subservient to the SGPS,

Whereas the Housing Committee along with the Executive have made preparations for the establishment of a new Housing Authority,

Moved Nosrat / Ostenberg BIRT that the Housing Committee along with the Executive establish a separate non-profit Corporation in accordance with local, provincial, and federal laws in a timely manner,

MOTION

09/08/09:N9

Moved Welsh / Osterberg BIRT the SGPS Council table Motion 09:08 until Oct meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Motion tabled to October meeting.

MOTION

09/08/09:09

Moved Edwards / Nosrat BIRT nominations for the positions of SGPS President and SGPS Vice- President Graduate be accepted from September 14th to September 25th; and

BIFRT the SGPS Executive interview each candidate between October 5th and October 9th; and

BIFRT the SGPS Executive present a recommendation regarding each position to Council at the October 13th meeting; and

BIFRT Council shall vote to fill the positions of SGPS President and SGPS Vice-President Graduate at the October 13th meeting.

Leora – I wish to note that the policy is to have a by-election when there is more than 6 months left in the term.

Speaker – There was no intentional delay there but merely a mistake on my part.

P. Welsh – What are we voting for when we are voting for the position filling?

Speaker – It is just a recommendation, it is not binding.

Nocilla – How much time is left in each term?

J. Welsh – Quick note: the timing was really bad. In August, we could not have held the election as many departments were not here. September is also a bad month given the orientation and so on. Also, with the time requirement for nomination, it would have been October anyway. Alternatively, we will spend much more money on by-election and will likely just have an acclamation vote.

Nocilla – Is this the usual practice?

Speaker – In the past, when executives were leaving with less than 6 months left in their terms, the remaining exec have received Council’s approval for the successor to be chosen after being interviewed by the executive, then ratified their choice at the earliest possible Council meeting.

Nocilla – These are important positions and may warrant a full election even at the risk of a low voter turn out.

P. Welsh – Will the candidates have the opportunity to address the council? Will they also be made aware of the executive’s recommendation before it is actually made to the council?

Amendment - MOTION

09/08/09:N10

Moved Welsh / Nocilla BIRT “BIRT nominations for the positions of SGPS President and SGPS Vice- President Graduate be accepted from September 14th to September 25th; and BIFRT the SGPS Executive interview each candidate between October 5th and October 9th; and BIFRT the SGPS Executive present a recommendation regarding each position to Council at the October 13th meeting” be stricken.

P. Welsh - As this may not be a democratic process for them to address the candidate AND vote for them in their presence.

Richards – The 13th voting of the Council will also violate the nomination policy?

Church – Is there any issue with non-Councilors attending just as the candidates?

Speaker – All SGPS members are welcome to attend and observe the council meetings, so no.

J. Welsh – The presentation session before the actual meeting would be when the candidates can campaign for themselves.

(Amendment) *Carried.*

(Original Motion as amended). *Carried.*

8. Other Business

MOTION

09/08/09:10

Moved _____ Nosrat _____ / _____ Edwards _____ BIRT the SGPS Council accept the resignation of Joellin Lin from her position as SGPS Vice-President Graduate effective October 1st, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

Nosrat: Bylaws and policy will be revised and will be updated soon.

Ceci: On behalf of the AMS, thank you for having us at the SGPS meeting and the contributions. Look forward to a great year.

9. Notice of Motions/Announcements

Reports and Motions for the next regular Council meeting are due Tuesday, October 6th, 2009.

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th, 2009.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

09/08/09:11

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

Carried unanimously.

09/08/09

MR

CFS-27

Attached:

August Minutes (including Housing Presentation)

Reports

Budget 09/10

Budget Guide 09/10