



**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 14<sup>th</sup> 2010, 5:30pm  
**Room 241, JDUC**

**1. Presentations**

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Provost Presentation

Intro to Council – Speaker - Michael Bravo

Michael Bravo – We have a presentation from our provost

Dr Robert Sutherland – what happens in my office somebody finds out that I am going to do a presentation and they present me with notes. I would really like this to be question driven. It is good to be here I have never been to this assembly. There was never reason I guess to invite me when I was the dean of arts and science. You have a really well run orientation week and everybody seems very happy. I want to comment on the death of a student and it is very tragic when it happens. Please wait and do not listen to the rumours. We are under a silence order and the rumours I have heard are largely nonsense and we cannot issue a statement until the police investigation will allow us. I am looking forward to working with you over the year, I am working with Jawad and we seem to have a good working relationship. I am a faculty member in sociology and I am not too sure why I am part of this faculty as I have taught three classes. My research is criminology and most of what I have published is in homicide and I don't really do that anymore. I was going to retire at the end of June but as most of you know Patrick Dean became president at Mac and Queen's switched to the Provost model and I was asked to do this for a year as an interim position. In this position we need to change it from a VP academic office to a provost office. I am chief academic officer and that stays in the title and I am also the chief operating officer and the budget officer.

We are moving towards change. I am changing the budget process. I have an enrolment planning committee. We are going to be doing a capital planning committee or exercise. We are doing a diversity and equity planning and there is going to be an equity workshop for senior administrators. We are also responsible for implementing the academic plan which will not be written until the end of the year. I have got to do two things. I have to develop a well functioning provost model and well functioning provost office and the two should be coordinated which they are not at the moment. There are three people on sick leave and as far as the provost model goes there is something called the G13 – are the 13 research intensive universities in Canada and the provosts meet. When I am not

sure of something in the provost model I contact these members in the G13. When i contact them I get 12 different answers so there is not consistency in some of the things provosts do. In some ways this is a good thing as we can take whatever they said and develop what is best for the Queen's culture. Largely there is a planning exercise going on a variety of different levels. The academic plan has been extended so it will not be finished until June but the process was extended as there was some unhappiness with the limited time period. The principal is having some town hall meetings and he would like some more student input. The results of the writing team – have you read them? I encourage you all to read this document. One of the things that they do – they say look "the goal is X and we need to develop metrics to measure this" this is new for Queen's to put metrics next to a goal. My office is in large put putting together these metrics.

I think I would like to stop there. This job has been a challenge. This job is incredibly intense. I was dean of arts and science for 10 ½ years. My calendar is wall to wall meetings. Just to conclude – hopefully I will be able to fulfill those goals by the end of the year. And then I will retire at the end of June to pursue two passions – photography and playing the baritone saxophone.

Michael Bravo – Any questions for Dr. Silverman. Covered all the bases thank you very much sir.

Dr. Silverman – if any issues arise I would be happy to come back.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell– Town hall meetings that he was referring to are tomorrow and Friday at noon at Wallace Hall, JDUC.

Michael Bravo – Hi everyone. Welcome to a new council. There are a lot more people at this meeting. My name is Michael Bravo and I am the speaker for this council. We will do a much more thorough at the October meeting as we overturn. We bring motions, amendments, and quips to council and we talk about it as best we can. There are different sections in the agenda which will deal with a variety of issues. IN order to ensure that these items move in a friendly and timely fashion. Raise your tent cards or hand. If you do not have a tent card please see me after and we will make one for the following weekend. If you want more information on representatives please go online to see that information. All information about the meeting are available a week beforehand. I will ask the executive branch to introduce themselves

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – Hi everyone. I am VP Financial services. I chair the finance committee. I also take care of the health and dental plans, ISIC cards. If you have any ideas on how we can improve please come and talk to me.

Shaughnessy Hawkins – Hi, I am the Vis President Professional. I plan on bringing SGPS services to our membership. I also plan to make the SGPS more relevant to the students we serve.

Anne-Marie Grondin – Hi I am your Vice President Campaigns and Community Affairs. Generally I am the external representative of the SGPS, representing and communicating the interests of the members of the SGPS to external associations. I look after town gown relations. I am the representative of students. Internally I work with a wonderful team on equity, sustainability and international student affairs.

Jawad Qureshy – I am the president. My job is to medal in the affairs I am the spokesperson and all the complaints come to me. I am a representative of graduate and professional students in the University Senate, Board of Trustees, and other University bodies. I am always seeking input from students regarding their interests and concerns on such issues as tuition fees, student funding, TA/TF issues, training, etc.

Sean Richards– I am permanent staff. I am there largely to support; I take care of members of the SGPS and act as an information resource for SGPS executive, staff, and members.

Daniel Moore– I am Vice President Graduate and I face issues with non-academic students. I sit on various senates on sub-committees and academic affair committee. I am the official link or bridge between our school and graduate studies. I deal with TAing and fellowship issues. I am still responsible for our issues and bringing these concerns to light.

Michael Bravo – The first thing that we have had are presentations. Anyone who wants to make a presentation at council contact me beforehand. We are going to move on to acceptance of the agenda and the minutes from our previous meetings. We do this with motions and I will get more into this when we get to section 6.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

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### **MOTION 09/14/10:1**

Moved Shaughnessy Hawkins \_\_\_\_\_ / \_Jillian Burford Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the agenda for September 14th, 2010 be adopted.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell– under 3C VP Professional there is a report attached. Under 4E sub 1, equity coordinator we have one. We are replacing Vacant with Kalanthe Khiaat. Same 4e subsection to replace Rector Vacant with Nick Day.

### **MOTION 09/14/10:1-M1**

Moved Shaughnessy Hawkins \_\_\_\_\_ /\_Jillian Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT Council changes the agenda to correct minor logistical errors including the replacement of the vacant Equity Coordinator position with Kalanthe Khiaat, replacement of vacant under Rector with Nick Day, and that there is a report attached for VP Professional.

*Carried*

### **MOTION 09/14/10:1-M2**

Moved Shaughnessy Hawkins \_\_\_\_\_ /\_Jillian Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT council add an emergency motion regarding the transition fund for SGPS executive in the amount of \$2,500. A decision needs to be made about what to use this fund for and needs to be resolved before the end of the month.

*Carried*

**MOTION 09/14/10:1 – AGENDA AS AMENDED**

*Carried*

**MOTION 09/14/10:2**

Moved Jillian Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / **Mia Golder Name**\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT  
the minutes for the August Council Meeting be accepted.

*Carried*

**3. Executive and Speaker Reports**

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a) President – Jawad Qureshy (report attached)

Jawad Qureshy– In addition to the written report we have managed to get some more information about our orientation from various departments at Queen’s. We have been able to speak with 13 departments. As for the SPGS itself we have identified some gaps between the way we work and how the university works. Another gap is at the advancement office. The university decides to launch capital campaigns and they decide this without consulting SGPS. This needs to change and now that we have improved relations with student affairs we can do this. We need to spread the word about SGPS as there were a lot of new students that did not know that this existed. They need our help in get oriented to how things work here.

Michael Bravo - Any questions?

b) VP Graduate – Daniel Moore (report attached)

Daniel Moore – The school of graduate students is decentralizing their government structure. Instead of one graduate council there will be 8 faculties that will create their own policies for MA thesis defences and acceptances. We are looking for students to fill these positions and we have found two Andrew Pursell and Charan Rainford. The new issue that has come to light is teaching fellows at the school. There is union now. Most teaching fellows are given a letter in the spring citing the wage they are going to receive for the coming academic year. Since the unionization some departments have retracted those increases citing labour relations law. This is a problem – it is important to get this out to departments to teaching fellows. If they were to get certain wages and this wage was then changed they need to be approached. Follow up with me.

Sarah Waurechen – Do you have any pointers on how students should follow up

Daniel Moore – **psac901.org** – students can go on this website and find the email to contact the union regarding this concern. If there was notification of one wage (on the letter they received in the spring) and received another contract with another number this is proof enough.

c) VP Professional – Shaughnessy Hawkins (no report)

Shaughnessy Hawkins – it became apparent this summer we have more work to do as a society to increase consideration and engagement. A lot of the tone of the SGPS has been said to not reflect the voice of the student body. Think about what we can do – address what we have heard from other professional students about needs that we don't have dialogue on. Our communication channel is improving. We had some HR issues over the summer. Everything in my portfolio rocks. On the HR thing I would like to start a committee at some point and if anyone has interest in these issues I strongly urge you to get involved.

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

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

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – In my report I make reference to this space that we have managed to secure. This is one of the rooms that we have managed to secure. The other one is the social lounge that we have managed to get. This area will contain more offices and a bigger board room.

f) Speaker – Michael Bravo (report attached)

### **MOTION 09/14/10:3**

Moved Joe Steele / Sarah Waurechen BIRT Executive and Speaker reports be accepted.

*Carried*

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

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Michael Bravo – We have other positions in our society that we would like to see done. Whether it is sports, committees, these are the reports for individuals to provide information on these areas.

- a) Graduate Student Senator – vacant (report attached)
- b) Board of Trustees – Benjamin Grant (no report)

Ben Grant – The VP human resources of the university is replaced. The outgoing had more HR issues rather than labour. The acting VP has more experience with labour issues. His name is Allan Or.

c) Committee Reports  
No committee reports

d) Commissioner Reports

i) Social Commissioner – Abdullah Abunafeesa (no report)

Abdullah Abunafeesa – Orientation week went very well. The minor obstacle there was a conflict between faculty and SGPS – students will have to pick between our events and faculty events.

ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)

Sean Richards – I want to draw your attention to the new online update system. We have worked hard to get this set-up. On the first day they did not get the database right and there were a lot of problems. I have been assured that everything should be up and running

iii) Equity Commissioner: Carolyn Prouse (report attached)

Carolyn Prouse - We have recently hired Kali over the coming year. We just recently sat down to flush out our portfolios and determine what we are doing for the coming year.

e) Other Reports

i) Equity Coordinator – Kalanthe Khiaat (no attached)

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 – Iain Reeve (no report)

vi) Planning Coordinator – Nicole McCallum (no report)

vii) Rector – Nick Day (no report)

Nick Day - The academic planning process is going – this process is taking place in a senate that Bob Silverman mentioned. This regards budget cuts, what I do – understand what is happening in departments how planned changes affect them. I will send a link to our website to Mike and if anyone wants to tackle and present an issue you can contact me this way.

viii) Chief Returning Officer – Mikhail Kellawan (report attached)

Mikhail Kellawan - Some of minor changes in the SGPS elections due to lack of nominations. Extended nomination period for a week and elections have been pushed back a week to the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

ix) Departmental Reports

**MOTION 09/14/10:4**

Moved \_\_Daniel Moore\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_Joe Steele\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT Senator/Board of Trustees/Commissioner/ Coordinator / Committee, and Other reports be accepted.

Carolyn Prouse – I forgot to mention something in the report we are going to have an equity standing committee. Meeting for this will be in the last week of September. I am working with Sean to set up a website to advertise upcoming dates for that and get it into the newsletter.

Michael Bravo – Further to Carolyn’s vote we are going to look at all committees at the next meeting. I will mention this in the package for the upcoming meeting and please look on the website to see what committees are available.

*Carried*

## **5. Question Period/Departmental Issues**

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Joe Steele – I realize this is outside the SPGS realm – I would like to receive more information on the union. I would like to get some information on this.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – We are invited, the executive to learn more about this from the union

Daniel Moore – they were actually supposed to present here today. They were actually supposed to meet and talk to every department. They are more than happy to come to your department. Next council we hope to have them here.

Anne-Marie Grondin– there is a lag due to orientation events. They have had trouble contacting certain departments. If you come from a department that the structure is not so open to having them come to talk perhaps you could talk to the department.

Jawad Qureshy – what is the feeling in the department?

Joe Steele – when people tend to think of graduate students they think of SGPS. They think that PSAC is a committee and it was not made clear the SGPS is one thing and the union is another thing. People think that the SGPS is the union and I know nothing. It is a general lack in information not an attempt to mislead

Marvin Ferrer – who do we talk to if we want to union to come to the department?

Jillian Burford-Grinnell– You can email [psac101@hotmail.com](mailto:psac101@hotmail.com)

Shaughnessy Hawkins - it is valuable to distance ourselves from the union. That we serve a huge broad base and that our interests are in preserving these. I strongly urge people to make it clear that we are not the union.

Sarah Waurechen– My department has asked me to ask two questions – is there an update on the RA on the housing coordination issues.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – yes we have hired someone. Unfortunately the position ended September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. There are still RA positions I have had many inquiries and I have received no applications, resume. Given the fact that orientation was just last week I am waiting to see if they are going to follow through with that. One RA is going to take care of housing – grad students can post about housing and space in their house.

Sarah Waurechen – Dental issues- why our policy only cover metal fillings when dentists advise not getting metal fillings.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell– I have the white fillings and they are covered

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Sarah Waurechen– No they are not.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – can you forward me the information because this should not be the case.

Terry Bridges – is there someone on the executive and present at the next meeting about TAFE

Daniel Moore – we want TAFE themselves to come and speak to these issues.

## **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

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Michael Bravo – this section is to deal with business that arose from the august minutes. If you haven't read that there will not be a lot to talk about here. Move on to section 7.

## **7. Main Motions**

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Michael Bravo – (Describes the main motions)

All of the previous motions have been to adopt various things. There are a number of types of motions. Main motions need to be sent to me a week in advance. I change them around to make sure that they sound right and send that back to you. You cannot make main motions following this time line. The only motion that you can make is an emergency motion which is time sensitive. There are a number of types- there is a council orientation package. During these motions we will have an option for discussion. For any motion there can be three people that support it and three that do not. Once those three have asserted their support or disapproval no more support or disapproval can be expressed. We alternate between for and against. You are only allowed to speak twice to a given motion. Unless given permission you are not allowed to speak. The reason we do this is to reduce back and forth conversation. As a voting member you are able to decide whether you are for or against a motion based on the discussion prior to the vote. If you have questions please raise your hand and ask the question – this is an introductory meeting for most of you. Once we finish the debate we will bring the motion to question. We go by simple majority unless you call for a roll call vote.

Ben Grant – is there a person that moves something?

Michael Bravo - The person who moves the motion will be in support of that motion and they will be allowed to speak twice. They are considered the motivator. If I am motivating something, I motivate that. There are 5 people on the list, and I am third I can pass to not speak at that time until later. You are only allowed to speak twice to an issue.

### **MOTION 09/14/10:5 Second Reading of Operating Budget**

Moved \_\_\_Jillian Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Jawad Qureshy \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the Council approve the second reading of the 2010-2011 operating budget.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – at our last council meeting we went over the proposed budget and it was attached as an appendix to your package.

Michael Bravo – The reason that this is a second reading because it needs to be read twice and passed twice. If you have any discussion relating to the budget we can do that now. Any discussion? We are going to call this to a vote.

*Carried*

### **MOTION 09/14/10:6 Role of the Strategic Planning Special Committee**

Whereas SGPS Council established a Strategic Planning Special Committee by a motion at its meeting on 10 November, 2009, and

Whereas one of tasks of this committee was to recommend a permanent body within the SGPS that will regularly review the 2 year strategic plan and draft new ones when necessary.

BIRT that the following amendments be made to P.6

P.6.10)

P.6.2.12 Strategic Planning Standing Committee

1. The Strategic Planning Standing Committee shall be responsible for:
  - (1) conducting consultative processes and business, legal and other analyses to identify areas of concern and possible opportunities for the SGPS;
  - (2) creation and recommendation of a 2-year strategic plan, based on the aforementioned analyses, for the SGPS; and
  - (3) assessment of the implementation of the strategic plan.
2. For those issues facing the SGPS that arise from time to time that are not addressed by the strategic plan, the SPSC may, upon request by a member of Council other than the Committee Chair, perform an advisory role to the organization by:
  - (1) Consulting with the committee under whose mandate the issue falls,
  - (2) providing Council with a report analyzing the issue and recommending a course, or multiple courses, of action, and
  - (3) where time does not permit a report to Council, consulting with the Executive.
3. The Committee shall be comprised of the following voting members:
  - (1) one (1) of the four voting members of the Executive excluding the president;
  - (2) one (1) representative from the Education Students' Society;
  - (3) one (1) representative from the Law Students' Society;
  - (4) one (1) representative from the Graduate Computing Society;
  - (5) the Graduate Student Senator;
  - (6) the SGPS Trustee; and
  - (7) three (3) students at large who must be members of the SGPS, approved by Council, and preferably a previous Executive, Commissioner, Coordinator or staff of the SGPS; and
  - (8) one (1) student at large who must be a member of the SGPS, approved by Council, who has preferably had at most limited involvement with the SPGS as an organization.
4. The Committee shall be comprised of the following non-voting members:
  - (1) the President;
  - (2) the Executive Director; and

- (3) the Equity Commissioner
5. Efforts shall be made to ensure that the SPSC's composition reflects the composition of the SGPS membership. This will include efforts to ensure gender parity in the Committee.
6. Information discussed at the committee meetings shall not be discussed with the media prior to released reports and documents.
7. Membership on the committee cannot be terminated by the Executive's resolution.
8. The Chair shall be a voting member and non-Executive member of the Committee.
9. The term of a Committee Chair shall be limited to twelve (12) months. No Committee member shall be elected as Chair for more than two (2) consecutive twelve month terms.
10. Quorum shall be four (4) voting members.

BIFRT that the following Policy be added:

## Strategic Planning Policy

### **1. Preamble**

The purpose of this policy is to create a framework and minimum set of responsibilities for the Strategic Planning Standing Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "SPSC".

### **2. Strategic Plan**

1. A strategic plan, hereinafter referred to as the "plan", shall be the tool through which the SPSC summarizes its findings and recommends possible courses of action that an Executive or Council may wish to pursue.
2. The plan shall describe some or all of the following:
  - (1) Areas in which the SGPS can improve the services or representation it provides to its members, or the efficiency thereof;
  - (2) Specific courses of action which an Executive or Council may wish to pursue that may address any such areas of improvement;
  - (3) Opportunities that the SGPS may wish to pursue which the SPSC finds may be beneficial to the organization and its membership; and
  - (4) Summaries of the findings of analyses and consultative processes undertaken by the committee, particularly where such findings form the basis of any action recommended by the SPSC;
  - (5) Metrics by which the success of any action taken by the SGPS to follow the SPSC's recommendations may be evaluated.
3. The plan may include recommendations related to some or all of: advocacy, external relations, internal infrastructure, commercial opportunities and services.
4. The plan shall be ratified after a simple majority vote in the SPSC and 2/3 majority vote in two consecutive readings of Council. Amendments to the plan can be made at either reading.
5. A simple majority vote at a General Meeting shall be the equivalent of a 2/3 majority vote at a reading in Council...
6. The plan shall be in effect for a period of twenty-four (24) months after final ratification. A plan can be terminated prior to that time by a 2/3 majority vote of Council.

7. The SPSC is responsible for presenting a draft of a new 2-year plan three (3) months prior to the termination of the most current plan.

### **3. Assessment**

1. There shall be two assessments:
  - (1) The First Year Assessment
  - (2) The Final Assessment
2. The First Year Assessment shall be presented to a Council or General Meeting by no later than 12 months after the ratification of the plan.
3. An interim Final Assessment shall be presented to Council with the draft of the next Strategic Plan. The Final Assessment will be reported to Council no later than 2 months after the expiry of the assessed plan.
4. Each assessment shall have a brief overview and explanation of the success, failure, or need for rectification of any of the visions, goals, and objectives.
5. When actions of the SGPS appear to be not in alignment with an adopted strategic plan, the SPSC shall identify them and bring them to the attention of Council through a report and recommendation.
6. For issues that not easily measured by quantitative measures, including but not limited to issues of equity, assessment should include qualitative mechanisms to recognize the individual experiences of SGPS members.

Joe Steele – I have a question about the reps from law, education, etc.

Ben Grant – Those are the biggest faculties which is why we chose representatives

Michael Bravo – those groups represent individuals with the largest constituency

Jon Foster– What is meant by the 'Gender parity in the past' issue?

Anne-Marie Grondin – In trying to make our practices more equitable we have to give thought to how things are structured - especially committees that deal with administrative and finance issues. We cannot guarantee that we achieve gender parity – we must be mindful as diverse a population as possible.

Jon Foster– I was just wondering about the gender parity

Anne-Marie Grondin – I would like to propose an amendment. So in P6.2.12.3 – outlining who should be voting members and who is not a voting member, I would like to strike 3 and move it to 9.

### **MOTION 09/14/10:6 Role of the Strategic Planning Special Committee - M1**

**Moved Anne-Marie Grondin \_\_\_\_\_/\_Shaughnessy Hawkins \_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the amendment from 3 be stricken and included in section 9.**

*Carried*

Michael Bravo - All those in favour of this motion?

**MOTION 09/14/10:6 – MOTION AS AMENDED**

*Carried*

**MOTION 09/14/10:7: Review of Proxy Voting Procedures**

Whereas one representative of the eight allocated to the Faculties of Law and Education was able to attend Council at the August 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, and

Whereas attendance at summer meetings of Council is consistently difficult for representatives of these faculties because of the nature of their programs, and

Whereas Council members are from time to time unable to attend Council because of academic, professional, and personal commitments,

BIRT

The following policy be added to the SGPS's Policies

**P.3.2.2**

**M.** Should a member of Council be unable to attend a Regular Council meeting, they shall be permitted to transfer their voting rights for that meeting to a designated proxy who may be a fellow member of Council or an ordinary member. This may result in a member of Council or ordinary member holding the voting rights of more than one Council member at a given Council meeting.

**N.** To obtain permission to transfer, the member whose voting rights are to be transferred must notify the Speaker of their absence, the reason for their absence, and the designated proxy prior to the beginning of the Council meeting.

**O.** No position of Council may have its vote transferred at more than two (2) Council meetings during a period beginning on September 1 and ending on April 30 of the following year.

**P.** No ordinary member or Council member may hold more than three (3) transferred votes at a given Council meeting.

Logan Crowell– I propose to amend this. I will speak to the amendment.

**MOTION 09/14/10:7 Review of Proxy Voting Procedures- M1**

Moved Logan Crowell \_\_\_\_\_/\_Jillian Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT that section 'O' be stricken from the motion.

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Whereas attendance at summer meetings of Council is consistently difficult for representatives of these faculties because of the nature of their programs, and

Whereas Council members are from time to time unable to attend Council because of academic, professional, and personal commitments,

BIRT

The following policy be added to the SGPS's Policies

**P.3.2.2**

**M.** Should a member of Council be unable to attend **any Regular Council meeting between 1 May and 31 August**, they shall be permitted to transfer their voting rights for that meeting to a fellow member of council. This may result in a member of Council holding the voting rights of more than one Council member at a given Council meeting.

**N.** To obtain permission to transfer, the member whose voting rights are to be transferred must notify the Speaker of their absence, the reason for their absence, the designated proxy, **and means of verifying the identity of the member one week prior** to the Council meeting.

**O.** ~~No position of Council may have its vote transferred at more than two (2) Council meetings during a period beginning on September 1 and ending on April 30 of the following year.~~

**P.** No ordinary member or Council member may hold more than **two (2)** transferred votes at a given Council meeting.

Logan Crowell- There is currently no system in place to deal with the individuals not here to vote. This puts in place a system during the summer that notifying the speaker that you can have someone to vote for you – this means that you are proxying your vote. This means that you are not telling them how to vote, but giving them your vote. That is the reason we have worked on this. You have to be verifiable so there are no games behind the scenes.

Patrick Cashin– I would like to speak against this amendment. Could we have this during the year? I am not sure why we just have this on the summer as I could have a conference during the year. It does not allow us to proxy our vote during the year

Marvin Ferrer – Problem with ordinary member

Michael Bravo – P should be stricken from the amendment.

Shaughnessy Hawkins – I would caution against supporting the initial motion.

Sarah Waurechen – I would like to speak against it for the same reasons Patrick did. We can avoid the problems that Shaughnessy was suggesting. I know this means voting down this amendment and proposing another amendment. In regards to education students they are away for different times of the year so I am not sure why we would have just the summer months.

Ben Grant – Is there other times when education students are away on practicum?

Shaughnessy Hawkins – On the education thing - Sean have discussed that I will propose a much more narrow and different amendment. We are going to work on something that is more tailored to their concerns as they are away more often than not and we need to speak and meet with them to deal with this issue.

Kalanthe Khiaat – What concerns me about proxy voting outside the summer is that there are reasons outside of what has been mentioned. There are personal life situations that may prevent you from being there. Should there be something in place to help with these situations that are deemed special enough. I guess this would go along the lines of what Sarah is proposing about producing another amendment.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – During the summer months any kind of scenario and the thing that I find troubling is that if there are 13 individuals, out of the 7 have proxy votes – the concern I have with stacking the vote. I am going to throw this idea out there for tabling this amendment and working it through further.

Michael Bravo – If you wanted to table this vote. You would vote down the amendment, table the motion and you could add the same amendment again.

Logan Crowell – We introduced to deal with the problems that we experienced. If there are more problems we can deal with this – tabling this, shooting this motion down will not fix this problem. I would request the reason that we introduced this is to ensure that this is not a problem next summer. I would be more than happy to support another amendment that deals with this.

Michael Bravo – It would be put on the agenda for the next meeting regardless.

Andrew Pursell – Could you have 6 people that have the whole voting majority?

Michael Bravo – 12 voting members must be present. The number of votes that are needed for something to pass are based upon the number of proxy votes.

Jerome James – Is there a way we can work out a statistical percentage of form? If there are three people that have proxy votes...sentence unfinished

Michael Bravo – Mathematically it is possible to have a minority of the members to have the majority of the votes.

Jerome James – Can you have an amendment to deal with that issue? You would have to work out an agreement beforehand...

Anne-Marie Grondin – I believe this is a step forward. This provides the opportunity for other departments to speak about their specific issues. From what I am hearing there isn't adamant opposition of the idea of proxy voting in general. This is for professional students in law and this can be tweaked and broadened for the future.

Marvin Ferrer – I would like speak against this amendment. I do support the idea of proxy voting and I also want to work in Patrick's ideas about making it more accessible to members of other departments. My department is conference heavy and if we need to proxy I would like to have that option as well. Letter O addresses that by having the full year available. That could be amended to a one year period, twice a year to prevent people always proxying their vote.

Michael Bravo– We cannot have someone speak against this motion in a row. We have been alternating. (Patrick) you cannot speak against it.

Shaughnessy Hawkins – Point of information. It seems like we have consensus for the initial motion. Is there any way that we can vote on the initial motion.

Michael Bravo – A point of order is how we are dealing with the issue. It has to be about something we are not doing right.

Sean Richards – Will you entertain straw poll about proxy voting in general and then we can work out the language.

Michael Bravo – Sure. This following straw poll this will not represent your vote on the amendment or the initial motion. In the event that a motion about proxy voting were to come up would you be for or against this motion.

*Not Carried*

### **MOTION 09/14/10:7 Review of Proxy Voting Procedures - TABLING**

Moved Patrick Cashin\_\_\_\_\_ / \_Mia Golder\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT Council table  
MOTION 09/14/10: Review of Proxy Voting Procedures until the October meeting.

Patrick Cashin – My motivation for this is simple the straw poll shows that we are in favour of proxy. By the next meeting we can have a proper amendment written up. I believe that this council can come up with a good amendment prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> that passes on this issue. I would like to table this until the next meeting so that we can come on an amendment that suits all different groups.

*Carried*

### **MOTION 09/14/10: EMERGENCY MOTION**

**Due to the busy schedules of the various executive members, we were unable to plan a specific weekend for transition/planning.**

**Moved Jillian Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_Charan Rainford\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT in the amount of \$2500 from the transition budget line be carried forward to the 2010-2011 budget to allow for the Executive to complete their planning.**

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – Unfortunately we were unable to bring this to fruition. Our fiscal year ended as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. This money is in the transition budget. In order to plan our year we need to bring this motion forward.

Ben Grant – what is the 2500 for? Are you sure we are going to find a weekend for this?

Jillian Burford-Grinnell– If no weekend than it will go into a fund for \_\_\_\_\_? The funds for last year were used to cover the materials for a weekend – last year they went away so that the executive are not paying out of pocket to do this planning.

Ben Grant – Would it be safe to say retreat?

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – Last year they did a retreat. This year it would be used for transitioning and planning for the current year.

*Carried*

## **8. Other Business**

### **Election of Graduate Student Senator**

Michael Bravo – For the election of the graduate student senator leave it to MK

Mikhail Kellawan – We do not have a senator as of yet. I would like to bring it to council to appoint one.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – Has anybody contacted or expressed interest in this position?? I have forwarded to it Jawad.

Jawad Qureshy– I think there are people here that are writing the speech.

Michael Bravo – If there are people interested please express your interest.

Iain Reeve– Would they be fulfilling the term or starting a new term?

Mikhail Kellawan – They would be fulfilling the term until March and they would have to run for the position.

Michael Bravo – Is there anyone else who is expressing interest?

Sean Abraham – I express interest

Iain Reeve – Interest

Cameron Montgomery – Interest

Marvin Ferrer – Interest

**Nora** Zwingerman– I am from community health. What is exactly in the student senator position?

Logan Crowell – You sit on the senate and sit on sub-committees – meets once a month. A couple of hours. Deals with all the academic issues of the university. There is a lot of committees that deal with the academic structure of the school. Starts Thursday, meet and greet and training session, and there is caucus this month. It is up to you how much you want to run with your role. Two sentence blurb on the website – LOOK UP ON SENATE WEBSITE

Daniel Moore - You will sit in the strategic planning committee in the SGPS and I will rope you into coming to GSEC

Jawad Qureshy – A lot of work gets done behind the scenes at the committee meetings. This is a way for the graduate community to participate in the academic community of queen's. It is powerful.

**MOTION 09/14/10: +30 min**

Moved Daniel Moore\_\_\_\_\_ / \_Jawad Qureshy\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT that the SGPS meeting be extended for one half hour.

*Carried*

Michael Bravo – The four candidates that we will consider today (all listed above). I will recognize Iain Reeve first.

Iain Reeve– I am a second year politics PhD student. Outside of my department i am involved in the grad club. I am the club manager of OPPS and social committee for the SGPS. I have dealt with issues at a department level – course requirements that are similar to those at the senate. I have some understanding of senate procedure but also what Jawad is saying, back room politics. I interviewed people after meetings, asking those questions, digging up the dirt. I would like to take some of this expertise and assisting with graduate issues. I am aware of a lot of the issues and I would like to spend time researching more issues. I have a growing understanding of Queen's and I have a working relationship with many members of SGPS and would be more than happy to devote a lot of time to this position this year.

Michael Bravo – Sean Abraham.

Sean Abraham – I am Sean Abraham. Presently I am working to masters in applied sustainability. I was an undergraduate engineering student at Queen's. A voting member of QSOC and AMS assembly. My interest in university goings led me to sit on the board of trustees. While I am new to being a graduate student I am not new to the university. I encourage you to elect me as your representative on senate.

Cameron Montgomery – I am interested in this position because it is important to be engaged in your community. I am studying in the school of religion. I think it is good to infuse the organization with new blood. At Ottawa U – some issues I put forward sustainability, campaigns 'No Means No'. I am very interested in student advocacy and all the elements of SGPS. Please vote for me, one bring because I bring a lot of enthusiasm and I bring a lot of experience.

Marvin Ferrer - I am currently a first year PhD student in anatomy. I have been involved in the department for a long time. My department is going to be merged with four other departments so there are going to be a lot of changes in the coming years. You can trust me to keep up with these processes. I have a lot of experience in equity and anti-oppression. I know these issues have flared up on campus and you can trust me to deal with these issues effectively. I am one of the student constables in my undergraduate years and I am skilled in conflict resolution. You can trust me to deal

with conflicts. I have been a volunteer at the sexual health resource centre. I have a lot of institutional memory and I can see a very bright future for the university and would like to be a part of this.

Michael Bravo – Thank you Marvin. The way we are going to do this is have the four candidates step out of the room.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – Before they leave go over their names.

Daniel Moore – Is there not a question period?

Michael Bravo – Questions for any of the candidates?

Charan Rainford– You need to commit quite a bit of time and I need to know whether they are in a position to commit this amount of time. It is not just two meetings but there are committees and I would like to hear from each candidate about their time commitment.

Cameron Montgomery - I plan to spend more time in extracurricular activities than going to class. I have no problem attending meetings, administration, faculty council and I don't think it will be a problem.

Iain Reeve– I have moved past my comps, I am moving to my thesis proposal and I have a lot of command over my schedule. I would step down from the logistics coordinator which I would have to step down from. This would open time.

Sean Abraham – I was in AMS and was able to manage this and complete my school work. I talked it over with my housemate and he is a former senator and I decided that I will be able to manage it.

Marvin Ferrer – I am doing quite a bit of research. I am done course work; I am auditing a couple of courses. I will be able to manage time that way. In science, there is a lot of waiting time involved in this as you are constantly waiting for something to happen. My time commitments are with SGPS and I would be happy to devote more time to those. I would be happy to devote more time to the senator position.

Logan Crowell– Since it is for a brief position and it starts in two weeks. How familiar are you with the senate and how quickly do you think you could get up to speed?

Iain Reeve – I am more up to date with senate at my previous institution. I have an understanding how these things are run, I study this as a PhD student, and I am well versed in Robert's Rules. I can talk and sit on committees to get up to speed.

Sean Abraham – I am familiar with the senate and I have been reading the minutes. The biggest change is switching from vice principal academic to provost. My housemate never stops talking about it and I will research more on it prior to the meeting.

Cameron Montgomery – I have attended senate meetings. I know you have to work with a variety of groups and I am confident I can slip right in there.

Marvin Ferrer – I am committed to getting myself up to speed and meeting with people to understand how things work. I could meet with a previous senator from my department.

Jawad Qureshy– how many SGPS senators are there? Are TA issues a student issue or a labour issue?

Iain Reeve– There is 1 SGPS senator. TA issues are both. Depends on the issue. An issue relating to pay or hours can be a labour issue. When you say student issue do you mean graduate student or undergraduate – can influence livelihoods.

Sean Abraham – 1 voting SGPS member. The president is non-voting officio member. Nick Day is a non-officio voting member. I am against the unionization and look more so into the issue.

Cameron Montgomery– 1 SGPS member. The TA issue – everything is interconnected. The senator is the connection between the senate and the SGPS.

Marvin Ferrer – 1 SGPS member. Law and education senator represent their own societies. I have gotten a very different feeling between the labour vs. student amongst the humanities and science students – i.e. there is a difference between the two. I sympathize with my humanities friends due to money or available funding. I would like to address why that discrepancy between these two groups is there.

Daniel Moore – I was wondering if we could get a 30 second snap shot on any comment from an administrator on the academic plan. This is going to senate this fall which is going to be a major issue. I have spent the summer drafting our response. And it is difficult to determine where we should apply pressure to.

Marvin Ferrer – When the principal announced the extension on the timeline I got the impression that he thought there was a misunderstanding of what this plan was going to do or expected to do. It was good to extend it.

Cameron Montgomery– Student senator is you voice...I would vocalize the concerns of the SGPS.

Sean Abraham– Speaking to principle Wolfe’s document – “Queen’s has to do less with less” this sounds weak. It is that we don’t have the money that we need – the university is in a deficit for the first time in decades. The academic plan is to cut money from many places while maintaining its status – cutting funding while maintaining the universities reputation - I would be excited to be a part of this issue.

Iain Reeve – The issue of the budget is expressed within my department. This is an issue that gets my blood boiling – there is some level of acceptance of the budget constraints being placed on the university but there is room within these constraints for the university to make wise decisions. I have a global and micro lens to switch onto these issues and I would be pragmatic on these issues. I want to be a voice for those concerns.

Michael Bravo – Seeing no more questions. Once the four candidate step out I will go over who can vote who cannot. In the event of a tie I vote.

Iain Reeve – In the case of majority do you mean plurality?

Michael Bravo – I mean plurality. Looking at the bylaws I have been trying to figure out and nothing that talks about the case of a tied plurality. In the interest of taking me out of the equation and it is in the interest in council. We will knock out the lowest two and take another vote on the remaining two candidates.

Nora Zwingerman – Was there an attendance sheet?

Michael Bravo – All the names are now different and we will speak to this at the end of council.

Logan Crowell – If we do a secret ballot and it can be preferential.

Michael Bravo – We have not done a secret vote before.

Sean Richards – Yes we have.

### **MOTION 09/14/10: Election Procedure**

Moved Joe Steele\_\_\_\_\_ / \_Nora Zwingerman\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT that voting for SGPS senator will be done aloud.

Sean Richards – Can you explain what yes and no would mean?

Michael Bravo – Voting yes would mean you are stating aloud and voting no would mean secret ballot.

Ben Grant – Don't people want their preferences be kept to themselves. I vote against this motion.

Jon F – I think this should be quick and easy if we have problems we should vote this down.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell - I find it problematic in my position to vote against.

Shaughnessy Hawkins – Call to vote.

Michael Bravo – all those in favour of speaking aloud? All those not in favour?

*Not Carried*

Shaughnessy Hawkins – Can we close our eyes and raise our hands?

### **MOTION 09/14/10: Election Procedure - 2**

Moved Jillian Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ / \_Sarah Waurechen\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT that the SGPS senator will be voted upon by council by having all council members close their eyes and raise their hands for the nominee of their choice.

Michael Bravo – The motion that is on the table you need to close your eyes and vote for the person of your choice.

Patrick Cashin – I want to speak against this because it wouldn't take much more time to write a name on the ballot.

*Carried*

Michael Bravo – I will call out the four different names and I will keep count of those that have voted.

Hannah Legh-Jones – Repeat names?

Michael Bravo - Iain Reeve, Cameron Montgomery, Marvin Ferrer, and Sean Abraham. All those that would like Iain Reeve to be the senator representative please raise your hands. All those that would like Sean Abraham? Cameron Montgomery? Marvin Ferrer? We have a tie between Ian and Sean. Thankfully we have accounted for this. The next vote will be for Ian and Sean. Heads down again folks. All those in favour of Iain Reeve as graduate senator please raise the tent cards. All those in favour of Sean Abraham please raise your hand. Mikhail can you get the candidates please?

### **MOTION 09/14/10: Election Procedure - 3**

Moved Sarah Waurechen\_\_\_\_\_ / \_Jillian Burford-Grinnell\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT that the number of votes received by each nominee for SGPS senator would not be disclosed to all those in the running.

*Carried*

Michael Bravo - I would like to congratulate Iain Reeve who will be nominated.

Jillian Burford-Grinnell – I feel that we should clap for all the candidates.

### **Other business – strategic committee**

Jawad Qureshy – Does anyone want to be a part of this planning committee?

Ben Grant – Nora I talked to you before.

Michael Bravo – Nora, Charan Rainford, Joe Steele.

### **9. Notice of Motions/Announcements**

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

The next regular SGPS Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## 10. Adjournment

### MOTION 09/14/10:10

Moved \_\_Mia Golder \_\_\_\_\_ / \_Patrick Cashin\_\_\_\_\_ BIRT the SGPS Council meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

August Minutes

Attendance August Meeting

September Reports

Department/Position	Name	Present
ANATOMY & CELL BIOLOGY	Marvin Ferrer	x
ART CONSERVATION	Christina Prokopchuk	
ART HISTORY	VACANT	
BIOCHEMISTRY	Namit Sharma	
BIOLOGY	Chad Edwards	-
BIOLOGY	Chris Harris	-
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	<i>vacant</i>	
BIOSTATISTICS	<i>vacant</i>	
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	Bob Cockburn	-
CHEMISTRY	Patrick Cashin	<u>x</u>
CIVIL ENGINEERING	Jon Foster	<u>x</u>
CLASSICS	<i>vacant</i>	
COMM HEALTH & EPIDEMIOLOGY	<i>Norah Zwingerman</i>	x
COMPUTING	<i>Eric Rapos</i>	
COMPUTING		-
CULTURAL STUDIES	Shannon Speed	
ECONOMICS	Matt Webb	-
ECONOMICS & JD COMBINED	<i>vacant</i>	
EDUCATION	Clara Baik	
EDUCATION	Alex Townsend	
EDUCATION (President)	Jarek Prwowarczyk	
EDUCATION (VP External)	Victoria Forbes	
Education (Graduate)	Michael Lockett	
EDUCATION (Graduate)	Marcea Ingersoll	-
ELEC & COMPUTER ENGINEERING	Ryan Bepalko	-

ENGLISH	Andrew Bingham	
ENV STUDIES	Nicole Mcdonald	
FRENCH	Usha Rungoo	
GENDER STUDIES	Katherine Mazurok	
GEOGRAPHY	Vivian Wasiuta	-
GEOGRAPHY	Clare Wasteneys	
GEOLOGY & GEO ENGINEERING	<i>vacant</i>	
GERMAN	Stefanie Kullick	
GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT	<i>vacant</i>	
HISTORY	Josh Cole	-
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	Vacant	-
KINESIOLOGY & HEALTH	Hannah Leigh-Jones	x
LAW	Aniss Amdiss	-
LAW	Rob Church	-
LAW	Sierra Robson	-
LAW MASTERS	<i>vacant</i>	
MANAGEMENT	Joachim Scholz	-
MATH & STATS	Philipe DePass	
MECH & MATERIAL ENGINEERING	Jerome James	x
MICROBIOLOGY & IMMUNOLOGY	Andrew Pursell	-
MINING ENGINEERING	VACANT	
MINING ENGINEERING	Justin Thompson	
NEUROSCIENCE	Ethan Zhao	-
NURSING	<i>vacant</i>	
PATHOLOGY & MOLECULAR	Jess Hickey	-
PATHOLOGY & MOLECULAR	Mia Golder	<u>x</u>
PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	Mike Philbrook	-
PHILOSOPHY	Colin Conrad	
PHYSICS & ASTRO ENGINEERING	Eoin O'Dwyer	
PHYSIOLOGY	Andrea Mimee	-
POLICY STUDIES	Kate McGarry	-
POLITICAL STUDIES	Charan Rainford	
PSYCHOLOGY	Sveda Bahtiyar	-
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	Srishti Hukku	-
PUBLIC HEATH	<i>vacant</i>	

REHABILITATION (PROFESSIONAL)	Shauna Connaughton	
REHABILITATION (RESEARCH)	Mary Thurgood	
REHABILITATION Therapy	Tessa Young	
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Kathryn Neeley	
SOCIOLOGY	Stephanie Cork	-
SPANISH AND ITALIAN	<i>vacant</i>	
THEOLOGY	Yusuf Kappaya	
URBAN PLANNING	Ryan Jeffrey	x
SPEAKER *tie breaking vote only	Michael Bravo	<a href="#">x</a>
DEPUTY SPEAKER	Morgan Carig-Broadwith	<a href="#">x</a>
PRESIDENT	<i>Jawad Qureshy</i>	<a href="#">x</a>
VP CAMPAIGNS & COMM AFFAIRS	Anne-Marie Grondin	<a href="#">x</a>
VP FINANCE & SERVICES	Jillian Burford-Grinnell	<a href="#">x</a>
VP GRADUATE	<i>Daniel Moore</i>	<a href="#">x</a>
VP PROFESSIONAL	Shaughnessy Hawkins	<a href="#">x</a>
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Sean Richards	<a href="#">x</a>
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER	Sean Richards	<a href="#">x</a>
EQUITY COMMISSIONER	<i>Carolyn Prouse</i>	<a href="#">x</a>
SOCIAL COMMISSIONER	Abdullah Abunafeesa	-
RECTOR	Nick Day	<a href="#">x</a>
EDUCATION SENATOR	<i>vacant</i>	
GRAD SENATOR	Iain Reeve	<a href="#">x</a>
LAW SENATOR	Logan Crowell	<a href="#">x</a>
THEOLOGY SENATOR	Erin Burns	
TRUSTEE	Benjamin Grant	<a href="#">x</a>
CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER	<i>Mikhail Kellawan</i>	<a href="#">x</a>
Sustainability Coordinator	<i>Ivana Zelenika</i>	-
Equity Coordinator	<i>Kalanthe Khaiat</i>	<a href="#">x</a>
COMMITTEE COORDINATOR	Laura Gale	-
ABORIGINAL STUDENT REP	Dana Wesley	
ABORIGINAL STUDENT REP	Shauna Shiels	
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Coordinator	Aasma Khan	-
MATURE STUDENT REP	VACANT	
PART-TIME STUDENT REP	Lisa Hughes	

LAW LSS President	Erin Pleet	-
AMS PRESIDENT	Michael Ceci	-