



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 14th 2010, 5:30pm
Room 241, JDUC

1. Presentations

Provost Presentation
Intro to Council – Speaker - Michael Bravo

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

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

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the agenda for August 10th, 2010 be adopted.

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

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the minutes for the August Council Meeting be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a) President – Jawad Qureshy (report attached)
- b) VP Graduate – Daniel Moore (report attached)
- c) VP Professional – Shaughnessy Hawkins (no report)
- d) VP Campaigns and Community Affairs – Anne-Marie Grondin (report attached)
- e) VP Finance and Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- f) Speaker – Michael Bravo (report attached)

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

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

- a) Graduate Student Senator – vacant (report attached)
- b) Board of Trustees – Benjamin Grant (no report)
- c) Committee Reports
- d) Commissioner Reports
 - i) Social Commissioner – Abdullah Abunafeesa (no report)
 - ii) Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii) Equity Commissioner: Carolyn Prouse (report attached)
- e) Other Reports
 - i) Equity Coordinator – vacant (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 – vacant (no report)
 - viii) Chief Returning Officer – Mikhail Kellawan (report attached)
 - ix) Departmental Reports

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

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

7. Main Motions

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09/14/10:5

Moved _____ / _____ BIRT the Council approve the second reading of the 2010-2011 operating budget.

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09/14/10:6

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.

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09/14/10:7

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

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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.

8. Other Business

Election of Graduate Student Senator

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 12th, 2010.

10. Adjournment

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

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Attached:
August Minutes
Attendance August Meeting
September Reports