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## THANKS SGPS MEMBERS!

### SGPS E-NEWSLETTERS

We wanted to start with a big thanks for the amazing response we received after the release of our first E-Newsletter. We hope that you continue to use and benefit from the newsletter. Don't forget that if you want to promote something to SGPS members, you can stop by the SGPS office and request that something be added to the newsletter (or the website, too!).

<http://www.sgps.ca/events/newsletter.html>

## SGPS GOES TO PARLIAMENT HILL

The week of Monday October 22nd the SGPS had the good fortune of being on parliament hill in Ottawa to meet with MPs and Senators about Post-Secondary Education (PSE), and more specifically graduate education. Students from around the country used the National office of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) as their work space in preparation for meetings with over 150 MPs and Senators. With the goal of raising awareness of current PSE issues, providing politicians with up to date research, building and maintaining relationships with local MPs, as well as asking questions and hearing their ideas and understanding of PSE across the country, the meetings proved very successful. Major items discussed related to tuition fees, student financial assistance and federal payment transfers. Graduate education items included effects of graduate program expansion, disparity in funding across provinces, and research commercialization. Many MPs requested more information as well as supplementary research packages prepared by the CFS. Students were well received and were encouraged and supported in their lobbying efforts.

## SGPS COUNCIL

SGPS Council will meet **Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30** in the McLaughlin Room of the JDUC. All are welcome to attend. Reports and Motions are due to the Executive Director ([info@sgps.ca](mailto:info@sgps.ca)) and the Speaker ([speaker@sgps.ca](mailto:speaker@sgps.ca)) no later than **Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30**. We welcome reports from all departments, committees, or members with something to say.

## LOOKING TO FILL 1 PAID POSITION AT THE SGPS

### SGPS EXECUTIVE SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are extending the application deadline for the position of VP Internal Graduate until Friday November 2, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. Please note that we have received

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several applications for the VP Ops position, but would like to receive some more for the VPIG position.

### **Vice President Internal Graduate (VPIG)**

The VPIG represents the specific interests of our graduate student members both on the SGPS executive and on various committees throughout the University including SGSR council. The VPIG is also responsible for the administration of the SGPS Student Advisor program. The VPIG chairs the Graduate Student Standing Committee and the Education Standing Committee.

More information about both positions can be found in the SGPS dayplanner, on the SGPS website – [www.sgps.ca](http://www.sgps.ca) – in the bylaws and policies section or by inquiring to one of the current SGPS Executive.

### **The application deadline is Friday November 2, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.**

Please forward your cover letters and resumes to the Executive Search Committee via email to – [info@sgps.ca](mailto:info@sgps.ca) - or by delivering them in person to Room 021 JDUC.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR ALL THE DETAILS VISIT: [HTTP://WWW.SGPS.CA/EVENTS/](http://www.sgps.ca/events/)

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Hallowe'en at the Grad Club (7:30 until ...) – **SGPS Social Event**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Equity Committee Meeting – 3:00 at the Grad Club (all are welcome to attend)

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Room to Read Charity Gala – The Harbour Restaurant – Proceeds help further education in developing areas. Please consider attending this event!

**Student Counseling Services (SCS)** is offering workshops valuable to all students aspiring to enter Corporate Finance, Investment Banking and learning financial models. SCS has taught, guided and placed students at top Canadian and Global firms and banks. SCS workshops are taught on a student level prospective allowing students to understand and leave with applicable knowledge and skills for their personal resume, interviews and on-the-job tasks.

- Where: "The King's Gallery", 1 King Street West
- When: November 3, 2007 from 8:30AM to 4:00PM
- Price: \$70.00
- Extra: Course Kit and Lunch provided
- Register: Please visit the "Events" section of [www.studentconsulting.ca](http://www.studentconsulting.ca)

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Queen's Graduate Studies Open House – 10:00 until 2:30 at the Biosciences Atrium.

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**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – The Fugitives – The Grad Club – Details TBA

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Anti-Islamophobia Forum – 3:00 until 5:00 at Dunning room 12. Full details are contained later in this E-Newsletter.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – Trans Day of Remembrance – Time and location TBA

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Legacy of Slavery Conference – Ban Righ (Free Admission)

## COMMITTEES LOOKING FOR YOU

### ANTI THESIS PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

The antiThesis is back and needs you! We have 3 eager editors who are ready to start putting the antiThesis back into circulation. We have a lot of exciting things that we need help to accomplish. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Communications Commissioner ([communications@sqps.ca](mailto:communications@sqps.ca)).

### SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Board is a subcommittee of the Senate Library Committee. It will provide guidance to the Senate Library Committee on policies and services related to QSpace and other scholarly communications support initiatives, from the perspective of content contributors and users. The Board will be convened as needed in the 2007/08 academic year to provide this vital feedback, and will make a recommendation to the Senate Library Committee regarding the need for a university standing committee on scholarly communications and publishing. Contact the Committee Coordinator ([committee@sqps.ca](mailto:committee@sqps.ca)) for more details.

### GRADUATE RESIDENCE FOCUS GROUP

I am trying to bring together a focus group for the new graduate residence which will be in Adelaide Hall. Adelaide will require renovations in order to be serviceable to graduate students. We would like input from this group as to what might be ways we develop some of the space in relation to what Graduate students may want that differs from a first year residences. I am looking for a couple of volunteers. I am planning on some form of incentive related to a meal...maybe lunch in the Lazy Scholar or Ban Righ to proceed or follow this. I haven't secured a date as of yet but hoping for sometime mid November.

For all the details please contact Micheline ([boomhour@queensu.ca](mailto:boomhour@queensu.ca)).

## ANTI-ISLAMOPHOBIA FORUM

Islamophobia is an increasingly "accepted" form of discrimination against Islam and Muslims. Since the crimes committed on September 11, 2001, this type of

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racism has increased internationally. The movement by members of the federal Conservative governments to force Muslim women to reveal their faces in order to vote is one of the most recent assaults on religious freedoms in Canada. Muslim students and faculty on campuses throughout North America and Europe have been targeted by this racial prejudice. On November 15, the Queen's International Socialists, Queen's Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights, and the Society of Graduate and Professional Students will be hosting a forum that will shed light on what Islamophobia is and what can be done to fight it. All are welcome.

For further details please contact Andrew Stevens ([3ajrs@queensu.ca](mailto:3ajrs@queensu.ca)).

## YOUR SUPPORT OF WFOT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

October is Occupational Therapy Month. Our purpose was to increase knowledge and awareness of occupational therapy on Queen's campus and raise funds for the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. The money raised will help occupational therapists in disaster affected areas deliver the necessary services. Due to your generosity, we raised an amazing **\$61.59!!**

Congratulations to Brian Colgate who is the winner of our draw! And to the rest of you, thank you for your questions, interest and support of Occupational Therapy. If you would like further information about OT, we would encourage you to visit the links below:

At Queen's: [http://rehab.queensu.ca/cur\\_MSc\\_OT\\_Stream1.html](http://rehab.queensu.ca/cur_MSc_OT_Stream1.html)

In Ontario: <http://www.osot.on.ca/eng/default.asp>

In Canada: <http://www.caot.ca/>

Around the world: <http://www.wfot.org/>

## EXPANDING HORIZONS

The Expanding Horizons Series was introduced in 2006 in response to graduate student requests for information on issues of importance to graduate students that fell outside of the academic realm or were not necessarily addressed within their home departments. In response to an identified need, the School of Graduate Studies in partnership with other departments and organizations mounted the series. The intent is that the series be dynamic and responsive to the changing and evolving needs of students, which is operationalized by the introduction of new topics and retirement of others year to year. There are however some sessions that are considered "a must", for example those sessions relating to scholarships and grantsmanship, which are intended to be delivered annually.

This is a series intended for graduate and professional students – so please, if you have ideas for a topic, let us know. What are the issues that concern you and can a session help address it? Contact the Communications Commissioner of the SGPS ([communications@sgps.ca](mailto:communications@sgps.ca)) if you have ideas or concerns relating to Expanding Horizons.