



E-NEWSLETTER

SGPS Summer Office Hours

The SGPS Office will have reduced hours for the summer. From May 1st until August 15th, the SGPS Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 until 4:30 (closed 12:00 until 1 for lunch). We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

SGPS ORIENTATION WEEK 2008

The SGPS has planned a week of orientation events for new and returning graduate and professional students. All the details you need to know about the events of Orientation Week are provided in our **Orientation Week Survival Guide**. We are snail-mailing a guide to each new and returning graduate and professional student. You should expect to receive your guide in a week or so. We have posted a digital version of our guide on our website.

<http://www.sgps.ca/orientation>

Orientation week provides you with many great opportunities to learn about the various services offered by the SGPS and Queen's to graduate and professional students. Orientation week also provides you with many opportunities to meet students in your program of study and across our diverse University. Below is an outline of planned events.

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 0 8

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	3	4	5	6	7
12:00 - 3:00 Splash of Success BBQ & Info Fair Biosciences Complex 7:00 International Night Joy Supper Club	2:00 - 5:00 Sporting Events JDUC Room 021 7:00 - 9:00 Haunted Walk Grad Club 9:00 Meet & Greet Grad Club	8:30 - 3:30 Registration Phys. Ed. Center 9:30 - 1:00 International Student Orientation JDUC Room 117 6:30 - 10:00 Boat Cruise Pier (See Map)	8:30 - 4:30 TA Training Day Biosciences Complex 9:00 - 5:00 Sidewalk Sale Bader Lane 6:30 Semi-Formal Portsmouth Olympic Harbour	11:00 Corn Maze Wolfe Island Ferry 3:00 Wolfe Island Grill Island Grill	11:00 - 5:00 Beach Day Sandbanks Provincial Park

NEW STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The office of the University Senate has informed us that as of July 1, 2008 Queen's University has adopted a new Student Code of Conduct, which sets the standards for student responsibility and behaviour. The document also identifies the various bodies within the University with jurisdiction to investigate student misconduct and explains the elements of procedural fairness to be observed in deciding matters of non-academic discipline.

The new Student Code of Conduct is available on the Senate Policy web page at:

<http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/policies/code2008.pdf>

Greater awareness of this policy will benefit all members of the Queen's community.

SGPS COUNCIL

SGPS Council will resume regular meetings starting **Tuesday August 12th, 2008**. Council meets in the McLaughlin Room in the JDUC on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

SGPS Council acts as the legislative body of the Society. Its decisions are final, unless they are amended or rejected by referendum or General Meeting. It is responsible for directing and overseeing the activities of the Executive, for formulating and authorizing Society policies, and for acting as a liaison between the Executive and the ordinary members of the Society. The decisions of the Executive may be amended or rejected by a majority vote of Council.

Representatives from each department or school sit on Council to act as a liaison between the SGPS and all graduate and professional students. Aboriginal and International student representatives also sit on Council.

We welcome all graduate and professional students to attend Council meetings.

Please direct questions or concerns to the Executive Director, Sean Richards (info@sgps.ca).

2 VISITORS NEED A PLACE FOR 1 MONTH

2 visiting artists are coming for a month long visit to the department of global development studies. The 2 visitors (a husband and wife) are looking for a place to live between September 15th and October 15th, 2008. They require a place with a decent kitchen, furnishings and an internet connection. They would prefer a place that is close to campus.

If you have a place they can sublet/rent (or know of a place), please contact Michelle Knapp-Hermer with the details. She can be reached via:

telephone (613.533.6000 extension 77210)

e-mail (knappm@queensu.ca).

SGPS COMMITTEE - BECAUSE YOU CARE!

The SGPS has many committee opportunities that allow you to get involved with the SGPS and Queen's. Committees have varying time commitments. Please consider joining a committee, your help makes a big difference to graduate and professional students.

<http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/committees.html>

SGPS Campus Sustainability Standing Committee

To extend the sustainable practice at Queen's, SGPS is forming a new committee: SGPS Sustainability Standing Committee. Launching the new academic year with new green efforts, we are now seeking dedicated individuals to take parts in shaping/improving Queen's sustainability planes and to organize student initiatives. We will be working closely with AMS Sustainability Committee and other related organizations within Queen's community. Together, we can make the difference. Share your passion with us; contact Committee Coordinator, Joellen Lin, at committee@sgps.ca.

Queen's Day Care Board

The Queen's Day Care Board is seeking an SGPS representative, particularly a student parent, to sit on the Board and act as a liaison between the two groups. The principal role of the Board is to give guidance to manage the Daycare. The Board meets once a month (usually the second Tuesday of each month), and the meeting last for 2 to 3 hours to discuss policies, budgets, contracts etc. The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday August 19th. Interest SGPS members can contact Committee Coordinator, Joellen Lin, at committee@sgps.ca for more information.

SGPS Appointing Standing Committee

The SGPS Appointing Standing Committee is the "Human Resources" of the society; it provides the brain and the labor to power SGPS. We identify committees within Queen's community that need SGPS Representatives and put forward the right candidates for the positions. We communicate regularly with the chair of the committees to make sure that they have everything they need to serve our members to the best of their capacity. For more information, please contact Committee Coordinator, Joellen Lin, at committee@sgps.ca.