



E-NEWSLETTER

SGPS By-Election: March 31 and April 1, 2009

Polling stations will be open Tuesday March 31, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday April 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Stations will be located in Mac-Corry, MacDonald, JDUC, BioSci and Duncan McArthur. Open Positions are Vice President Operations and Vice President External. Nomination packages are available on our website or at our office.

A&R FEE WILL GO TO BY-ELECTION

More than 700 members of the SGPS signed a petition to overturn the result of the Athletics and Recreation question that appeared on the SGPS Election ballot. When less than 10% of the SGPS membership votes in an election, according to SGPS Bylaw and Policy, the result of any part of the election may be overturned by a petition that is signed by at least 10% of the membership. As a result of the petition, the Athletics and Recreation question will be put on the SGPS By-Election ballot. All votes for the A&R question from the first election will not be counted so you must vote again. The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Do you agree to an increase in the Athletics and Recreation Class-B mandatory fee portion of the student activity fee, which was last adjusted by referendum in 1997, from \$81.90 per year to a maximum of \$156.90 per year in the following increments, to be indexed to inflation:

- \$101.90 for the 2009/2010 academic year
- \$126.90 for the 2010/2011 academic year
- \$156.90 for the 2011/2012 academic year

SGPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The SGPS AGM will take place **Tuesday March 24th at 5:30 p.m.** in the McLaughlin room in the JDUC. Every SGPS member has a vote at this meeting. Free dinner will be served. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may vote by proxy. If you have questions or would like more details, please contact the Speaker (speaker@sgps.ca).

SGPS LOOKING FOR POLL CLERKS

We need poll clerks for the by-election taking place March 31 and April 1. Poll stations are open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days. Pay is \$10 per hour. Poll clerks are permitted to bring work with them for the time between voters. For more information, please contact the Chief Returning Officer samuel.hetz@queensu.ca

FILE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

All SGPS members, through our membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, have free access to U-File tax software preparation and filing. The on-line software is quick, easy to use, safe and secure.

To access your 2009 copy of U-File, students require the promotional code available on CFS's web site (www.cfs-fcee.ca), and a T2202A form for the tax year from the University. To access the software and for more information see: <http://ufile.ca/home/cfs.asp>

T2202A FOR 2008 NOW AVAILABLE ON QCARD

Your Tuition, Education, and Textbook Amounts Certificate (T2202A) for 2008 is available on QCARD. T2202As from prior years are also available on QCARD. T2202A forms are not mailed. Residence Fees are NOT included in T2202A receipts in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) guidelines.

Further details about your T2202A are available on our web site at:

<http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/T2202A.html>

QUEEN'S UNITED

Queen's United (www.queensunited.ca) is a recent initiative launched by the Social Issues Commission in the AMS designed to foster an understanding of the history of resistance to racism at Queen's University and to provide students with information on various events and initiatives aimed at combating racism on campus. The initiative is currently holding a celebration of anti-racism lasting all month long with various events throughout Queen's campus. For more information about events, initiatives, and programs that are currently running at Queen's, check out www.queensunited.ca

KINGSTON GREEN BIN

Green Bins come to Kingston households this year to collect residential organic waste for composting. Green Bins will help the City reach its goal of diverting 65 per cent of its waste from landfill by 2012. For most areas of the City, weekly Green Bin collection will start the week of Monday, April 6, with the bins being delivered in March.

At the request of the Queen's University Alma Mater Society, Green Bins will be delivered to the student village area around campus starting in mid-September - when students are moving in at the beginning of the school year.

A map of the area designated for September delivery can be found here:

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/waste/greenbin/delivery.asp>

If you live in this area and you want to start using the Green Bin this season, please call 613-546-0000.

For more information contact M. Rosner: vpex@sgps.ca

GOODLIFE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

6 month corporate memberships with GoodLife and the SGPS are now available for \$200. Registration and payment deadline: Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 4:30pm (for memberships starting April 15, 2009). For more information please contact the Athletics Coordinator at sgps.goodlife@gmail.com

SALSA NIGHT

Live.Music.Kingston in conjunction with Queen's S.A.L.S.A presents Salsa Night. This event features a live salsa band, salsa lessons, dj , and dance competition.

Date: March 21st, 2009

Time: 9pm Salsa lessons, 10pm Live Salsa Band +DJ

Venue: BarNone

Tickets: available @ Door \$12, \$10 w/ student ID

Join facebook group 'Salsa Night @ BarNone' for more information. Hope to see you there.

A DIFFICULT PERIOD OF TRANSITION FOR THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: THE VIEW FROM KINGSTON

The Retirees' Association of Queen's is presenting the first in a series of forums to strengthen links between Queen's and Kingston. David Dodge, Chancellor of Queen's, and Governor of the Bank of Canada from 2001 to 2008, will speak on: "A Difficult Period of Transition for the Global Economy: The View from Kingston". The event will take place in Memorial Hall, City Hall, on Tuesday 24 March at 8.00 PM. To reserve a seat, please contact RAQ at raq@queensu.ca, or 613-533-6986.

SGPS OPPOSES SSHRC CHANGES

The recent Federal budget allocated \$17.5 million for the Canada Graduate Scholarship program administered by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). At the same time, the budget dictated that the scholarships must focus on "business-related degrees". At last Council, the SGPS voted to condemn this interference on the part of the government in the work of SSHRC.

As a result, the SGPS Council passed a motion that reads: "The SGPS Council condemns the inclusion of the "business-related" stipulation on new scholarship funding for CGS's from SSHRC and calls upon the government to remove the "business-related" stipulation from the Federal budget. The SGPS also calls upon the government to continue to properly fund independent, peer-reviewed research at Canada's Universities."

To lend your support to this campaign, please visit the following pages to sign a petition: <http://nikiashton.ndp.ca/sshrc>

On Facebook: Stop the feds from earmarking SSHRC funds for business-related degrees!

The Grad Club



Established 1975

Annual General Meeting

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

The Grad Club Inc. Annual General Meeting
and
Election of the 2009/2010 Board of Directors
will take place

**Thursday March 26th, 2009
@ 6:00PM**

Come early to get your Trivia table, enjoy
FREE food, hear what's been going on
at the Grad Club, and run for the
Board of Directors!

Nomination forms available at the bar.