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5 Business Arising

5.1 Report of the Appointments Board

BIRT Rui Hao Wang be appointed to the McGill Senate.

6 Reports


6.2 Report of Member Support Commissioner (June council)

Report of Member Support Commissioner (June council)

6.3 Supervision policy approval (second reading)

BIRT the recommendations (p. 42) of the attached report "Health of student supervisor relationships at McGill University" be adopted in second reading as the official PGSS Policy on Postgraduate Supervision.

Supervision policy approval (second reading)
7 Question Period

8 New Business

8.1 Motion to set executive committee priorities for the upcoming year

Whereas significant segments of the province have never perceived McGill as an integral part of Québec society
Whereas this insularity is detrimental to inter-university collaboration
Whereas inter-university collaboration is highly important to academic research and to our political agendas
BIRT that PGSS will make it a _____ priority year to foster a spirit of camaraderie amongst universities and to engage in more collaborative events for the 2014-2015 term.
—
Whereas PGSS received a 23% (low) STARS sustainability operations rating in 2013
Whereas few steps have been taken since the 5 years sustainability action plan (2013) was put forward
BIRT that PGSS will make it a _____ priority to make Thomson House a more sustainable environment for the 2014-2015 term.
—
Whereas the PGSS held a successful referendum of disaffiliation from the CFS in 2010 (86% in favor)
Whereas CFS refuses to recognize the validity of that referendum and claims that we owe them 270,000$ to date
Whereas significant funds are invested in the court proceeding
BIRT that the PGSS will make it a ______ priority to continue the political battle against CFS during the 2014-2015 term.
—
Whereas the many segments of the PGSS’s bylaws are riddled with discrepancies and ambiguities
BIRT that the PGSS will make it a ______ priority to reorganize the bylaws during 2014-2015 term.
—
Whereas the PGSS recognizes that strong student-supervisor relationships are necessary for graduate student success
Whereas the PGSS believes the current policies and guidelines for supervision do not adequately meet the needs of all PGSS members
Whereas the “joint PGSS-GPS (Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) supervision initiative” aims to implement policies and guidelines that prioritize and strengthen supervision
Whereas the “Graduate supervision syllabus” initiative aims to build a written agreement between student and supervisor to guide the supervisory relationship and goals of both the student and supervisor
BIRT the PGSS will make it a __________ priority to advance the joint PGSS-GPS (Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) supervision initiative and “Supervision Syllabus” initiatives.
8.2 Approval of Electoral Reforms (Second Reading)

BIRT the attached changed to the Society Activities Manual regarding elections be approved in second reading.

Approval of Electoral Reforms (Second Reading)

8.3 Grants Question

Grants Question February 2014

8.4 Regular membership question

Regular membership February 2014 question

8.5 Approval of 2014-2015 budget

BIRT the Society Activities and Shared Activities 2014-2015 PGSS Budget be approved.

Approval of 2014-2015 budget

8.6 Motion to specify Council appointment details

WHEREAS the Society staff have suggested improvements in the Society Activities Manual regarding appointment of Councilors

BIRT the Society Activities Manual Chapter 4 section 3.3 be amended to replace “most recent year” with “previous academic year”

BIFRT the Society Activities Manual Chapter 4 section 3.5 be amended to read “The quorum of council is one third of the number of filled council seats.”

BIFRT the Society Activities Manual Chapter 4 section 6.2 be amended to replace “until the Councillors’ PGSA, or else designated to a new eligible representative” with “until the Councillors’ PGSA designates the seat to a new eligible representative”

BIFRT the Society Activities Manual Chapter 4 be amended to add a section 6.3, reading, “Each PGSA must inform the PGSS which representatives will fill its seats at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting. The choice of representatives may change from meeting to meeting with no loss of seats under this section.”

BIFRT Chapter 4, section 9 be removed from the Society Activites Manual.
8.7 Motion to render process for appointment of Directors more independent

WHEREAS the PGSS Board of Directors is constantly striving to maximize diversity and independence in the choice of Directors serving on the Board, in line with best practices for corporate governance
WHEREAS currently Directors are selected by the Appointments Board, which contains three members of the Executive Committee
WHEREAS the Board has recently created a Nominating Committee of independent members to search for and recommend the appointment of Directors
WHEREAS corporate best practices indicate that a majority or all members of the committee selecting Directors should be independent (i.e. not members of the Executive Committee)
BIRT Bylaw 8.4.2 be amended to remove the words "by special resolution of the Appointments Board, subject to ratification".

8.8 Motion for Recognition of the Family Medicine Graduate Students’ Society

WHEREAS the Family Medicine Graduate Students’ Society (FMGSS) wishes to be recognised by the Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS) as the official representative of their respective membership at the University;
WHEREAS their constitution has been submitted to the PGSS VP Finance and fulfills the requirements for recognition stipulated under Chapter 10 in the PGSS Society Activities Manual
WHEREAS the membership of FMGSS unanimously voted to seek PGSS recognition by online voting on May 14, 2014;
BIRT the PGSS recognise under Chapter 10 in the PGSS Society Activities Manual; Family Medicine Graduate Students’ Society (FMGSS) as the official representative of their membership.

8.9 Mental Health First Aid Training

Whereas mental health is known to be a significant issue for graduate students with a greater proportion of graduate students seeking mental health services than undergraduate students at McGill and,
Whereas PGSS is often a first-line service for many people and a source of information and support services,
Whereas it could prove significantly beneficial to have some of the officers who are the “face” of PGSS to be trained in mental health first aid as they would be able to i) recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, ii) provide initial help and iii) guide a person towards appropriate professional help.
Whereas Mental Health First Aid training is being provided by McGill Counselling and mental health services this summer,
BIRT three of the 2014-2015 executive and commissioners receive training in Mental Health First Aid.

8.10 Motion to change commissioner titles

BIRT the PGSS Executive move the following Society Affairs Manual amendments, with corrected grammar and formatting, at March Council, following the consideration of feedback from the Equity and Environment Commissioners, and the Sustainability Coordinator.
Chapter 2, Commissioners

Section 1

2.1 Equity → Social Sustainability
2.2 Environment → Resource Sustainability

Section 2
Change references to “Equity” to “Social Sustainability”, including the Committee Title
Except 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 (references to Joint Board Senate Committees on Equity)
Add sitting on Internal Affairs Committee

Section 3
Change references to “Environment” to “Resource Sustainability”, including the Committee Title
Except the 1.1.4 (reference to SSMU Environment Commissioner)
Add 1.1.6 - Sit on the Committee on Monetary Affairs
Add sitting on Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs

Chapter 5, Section 7

2. Composition

2.3. Resource Sustainability Commissioner

Chapter 14: Equity → Social Sustainability

3. equity → sustainability

Chapter 5, Section 8

2. Composition

2.3 Resource Sustainability Commissioner

Chapter 3

1.1 and 1.2
Add “and commissioner” after “executive” and before “reports”

8.11 Bursary Question

Bursary Question February 2014
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2 Speaker’s report

3 Announcements

3.1 Council Deadlines

Council Deadlines

3.2 Ubriety Training

Amy will instruct you on the wizardry of Ubriety.

Ubriety Training

3.3 FEUQ Presentation - Internal Affairs Coordinator (Gene Morrow)

Introducing members of Council to the structure and role of the FEUQ within the student movement.

3.4 Presentation of the Charter of Student/Researcher Rights by Delegates of Université Laval’s Graduate Student Association

PGSS has long argued for the creation of clear regulations to ensure a heathy and productive relationship between students/researchers and supervisors. In order to make headway on this file, and to cement the progress already made by PGSS at McGill thus far, we propose that council authorizes the executives to co-signs the Charter of Student/Researcher Rights drafted by l’AELIÉS (Association des Étudiantes et Étudiants de Laval inscrit aux Cycles Supérieurs).

Once approved by council, this document will be at the heart of a lobbying effort directed at the provincial government.

Delegates from l’AELIÉS kindly agreed to present this important project to council.
4 Approval of the minutes

5 Business Arising

6 Reports

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External Affairs Officer Report to Council August 2014

6.2 Secretary-General Report to Council August 2014

Report of the Secretary General to Council
Secretary-General Report to Council August 2014

6.3 Financial Affairs Officer Report to Council August 2014

Financial Affairs Officer Report to Council August 2014

6.4 Member Services Officer Report to Council August 2014

Member Services Officer Report to Council August 2014

6.5 Environment Commissioner Report to Council August 2014

2014-08-11 Report of the Environment Commissioner (August council)
Environment Commissioner Report to Council August 2014

6.6 Health Commissioner Report to Council August 2014

Health Commissioner Report to Council August 2014
6.7 **Member Support Commissioner Report to Council August 2014**

Member Support Commissioner Report to Council August 2014

**Member Support Commissioner Report to Council August 2014**

6.8 **Equity Commissioner Report to Council August 2014**

Equity Commissioner Report to Council August 2014

**Equity Commissioner Report to Council August 2014**

7 **Question Period**

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8.1 **Applications sent from the Appointments Board Committee for Approval**

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8.4 Committee on the Alternative Funding of Research

Committee on Alternative Sources of Research Funding

Moved by the External Affairs Officer

Whereas experiment.com is a for-profit company that provides a web platform dedicated to crowd funding scientific research

Whereas they currently operate only in the United-States

Whereas they have agreed to create a partnership with PGSS-McGill giving our research trainees access to their system as part of a pilot project

BIRT council shall establish a new temporary committee to explore and implement alternative sources of research funding for our members.

BIRT that this committee shall remain active throughout the 2014-2015 term and be made a permanent one if successful

BIRT this committee shall be chaired by the External Affairs Officer and that its (5) members shall be students who either received or are planning on applying for crowd-funding
BIFRT that this committee shall have the authority to negotiate with crowd funding agencies while implementing and managing this system within McGill

8.5 Reform Package: Bylaws and SAM August 2014

BIRT the attached reform package to the Bylaws and Society Activities Manual be approved in first reading.

Reform Package: Bylaws and SAM August 2014
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Amy will teach you guys how to appreciate the magic that is Ubriety.

3.2 Council Deadlines

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6.10 RAE decision

RAE decision

6.11 Sa Ge c. CFS decision

Sa Ge c. CFS decision

7 Question Period

8 New Business

8.1 Ratification of the Charter of Rights of Student-Researchers

Moved by the External Affairs Officer
Whereas the graduate student association of l’Université Laval (l’AELIÉS) wrote a charter to protect the rights of student researchers
Whereas this carter is in line with the philosophy of PGSS regarding the rights of student researchers
Whereas l’AELIÉS wants the government to enforce this charter
Whereas they invite us to be the co-promoters of this charter throughout the province
BIRT PGSS will co-sign this charter
BIFRT PGSS will promote this charter to other student associations and will do representation at the governmental level, alongside l’AELIÉS
Ratification of the Charter of Rights of Student-Researchers
8.2 Executive Committee 2014-2015 Work Plan

WHEREAS the Executive Committee is mandated each September to submit their work plan for the coming year for Council approval.
WHEREAS the executive team has worked together to craft the presented plan in accordance with each officer’s portfolio.

BIRT Council approves the Executive Committee work plan outlined in the attached document.

Executive Committee 2014-2015 Work Plan

8.3 Reform Package Bylaws

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has evaluated the current structure of the Appeals Board;
WHEREAS the Executive Committee encounter critical structural problems that arise from the composition and jurisdiction of the current Appeals Board;
WHEREAS the Executive Committee wants to redress the critical structural problems that arise from the composition and jurisdiction of the current Appeals Board;
WHEREAS the Executive Committee requires a Vice-Chair;

BIRT Council approves the Bylaws Reform Package outlined in the attached document.

Reform Package Bylaws

8.4 Society Activities Manual Reform Package

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has evaluated the current structure of the Appeals Board;
WHEREAS the Executive Committee encounter critical structural problems that arise from the composition and jurisdiction of the current Appeals Board;
WHEREAS the Executive Committee wants to redress the critical structural problems that arise from the composition and jurisdiction of the current Appeals Board;
WHEREAS the Internal Affairs Committee requires more members in order to function properly;
WHEREAS the Executive Committee wishes to foster better relationships with both English and French speaking educational institutions in Quebec;

BIRT Council approves the Society Activities Manual Reform Package outlined in the attached document.

Society Activities Manual Reform Package
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6.12 Report of the External Affairs Officer - October 2014

Report of the External Affairs Officer - October 2014

7 Question Period

8 New Business

8.1 Motion for the PGSS Council to endorse AGSEM’s Union Drive

Moved by Isabel Harvey
Whereas the Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) is undertaking a Union Drive to unionize teaching support workers such as graders, markers, tutors, note-takers, and course assistants;
Whereas teaching support workers receive inconsistent rates of pay and have no recourse to grievance procedures and other protections that would be provided by a Collective Agreement;
Whereas the employees working as teaching support workers are often graduate students and members of the PGSS who would benefit from union representation;
Whereas better and more regular pay and improved working conditions for teaching support staff serves the interests of a better quality of education at McGill;
Be it resolved that PGSS Council endorses the Union Drive campaign for teaching support staff currently being undertaken by AGSEM
Be it further resolved that PGSS communicate this endorsement publicly and to the membership of the PGSS

8.2 Creation of the Sustainability Committee

(Moved by Regine Debrosse)
WHEREAS PGSS place a high value on sustainability,
WHEREAS there is a need for PGSS members to coordinate their actions and consult each other to foster sustainability,
BIRT the SAM be amended to read as follows:
Section 11: Sustainability Committee (StC)
1. Purpose
1.1. The Sustainability Committee shall:
1.1.1. Survey, assess, monitor and work towards improving the initiation and implementation of sustainable practices at PGSS;
1.1.2. Be responsible for the education and promotion of sustainability issues;
1.1.3. Collaborate with other group that focus on sustainability;
1.1.4. Advise and make recommendations to the PGSS business and Board of Directors about major sustainable initiatives;

1.1.5. Make recommendations to Council on any sustainability related matters..

2. Composition

2.1. The Members Services Officer (chair);

2.2. The Equity Commissioner;

2.3. The Environment Commissioner;

2.4. The PGSS Operations Manager;

2.5. One (1) PGSS staff member;

2.6. Three (3) At-large PGSS members.

8.3 New Grants Program Policy

WHEREAS the existing policy for the Grants Program has lead to lots of confusion and appeals to the Appeals Board due to lack of clarity in the policy and no internal mechanism;

WHEREAS based on feedback from users and administrators this policy has been drafted and sent to PSAC for comments;

BIRT these SAM changes proposed to Chapter 13, Section 1.

New Grants Program Policy

8.4 PGSLF Reform Package

WHEREAS the PGSLF is an important tool for financing the activities and events of all PGSAs,

WHEREAS the proposed modifications are important for the proper functioning of the fund,

WHEREAS the proposed modifications reflect current practices and include novel mechanisms for the management and disbursement of funds,

BIRT Council approves the PGSLF Reform Package in first reading.

PGSLF Reform Package

8.5 Universal Public Transit Pass for Students

Moved by the Executive Committee

WHEREAS Je Vois Montréal is an organization that provides significant funding to initiatives aiming to stimulate the development of Montreal.

WHEREAS a coalition wants Je Vois Montréal to support the creation of a universal student pass that would function as both a student ID and an OPUS card.
WHEREAS this coalition wants to launch a campaign across the city to encourage businesses to give significant rebates to the holders of this card.
WHEREAS students over the age of 25 don’t benefit from preferential rates on their OPUS card
BIRT that PGSS supports the creation of a Universal Student Pass to access public transit
BIFRT that PGSS will use this opportunity to advocate for the lifting of the 25 year old age limit on preferential rates
BIFRT that PGSS nomminates Julien Ouellet to be its representative to Je Vois Mtl, should the need arise

8.6 Election Regulation Reform (first reading)
WHEREAS the existing rules governing PGSS elections and referendums are often ambiguous or illogical
WHEREAS this proposed reform package is based on extensive review and consultation with voters, committees, executive members, and PSAC
BIRT council adopt the proposed changes to the Society Activities Manual, as recommended by the Chief Returning Officer and Elections Committee
Election Regulation Reform (first reading)

8.7 Referred by the Policy and Structure Advisory Committee-Bylaws Reform Package
WHEREAS PSAC reviewed the proposed modifications to the Bylaws,
WHEREAS the proposed modifications are important for the proper functioning of the Society,
WHEREAS PSAC recommends Council to approve the Bylaws Reform Package as amended by PSAC,
BIRT Council approves the Bylaws Reform Package in first reading.
Referred by the Policy and Structure Advisory Committee-Bylaws Reform Package

8.8 Referred by the Policy and Structure Advisory Committee-SAM Reform Package
WHEREAS PSAC reviewed the proposed modifications to the Society Activities Manual,
WHEREAS the proposed modifications are important for the proper functioning of the Society,
WHEREAS PSAC recommends Council to approve the SAM Reform Package as amended by PSAC,
BIRT Council approves the Society Activities Manual Reform Package in second reading.
Referred by the Policy and Structure Advisory Committee-SAM Reform Package
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8.1 Grants Policy (2nd Reading)

WHEREAS Council approved the new Grants Policy in first reading at last Council;

WHEREAS PSAC has approved the new Grants Policy;

BIRT that the proposed SAM changes to Chapter 13, Section 1 regarding the Grants Policy be approved in second reading.

Grants Policy (2nd Reading)

8.2 Sustainability Committee (2nd Reading)

WHEREAS, Council approved the creation of the Sustainability Committee in first reading at last Council;

WHEREAS soon to be members of this committee met and looked over its mandate;

BIRT the proposed SAM changes to Chapter 5, Section 11 to create the Sustainability committee be approved in second reading.

BIFRT that upon its creation, the Sustainability Committee be mandated to track and monitor the implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP)

Sustainability Committee (2nd Reading)
8.3 PGSLF Modifications (2nd Reading)

WHEREAS Council approved the PGSLF modifications in first reading at last Council;
WHEREAS PSAC has approved the PGSLF modifications;
BIRT the proposed SAM changes to Chapter 13, Section 2 regarding the PGSLF policy be approved in second reading.

PGSLF Modifications (2nd Reading)

8.4 Society Activities Reform (Elections) - Second Reading

Whereas PGSS Election regulations are sometimes confusion, vague or illogical
Whereas PGSS wishes to conduct its elections as efficiently as possible, while offering members a fair and clear means to express their wishes on its governance
Whereas the Chief Electoral Officer has put forward a reform package with the assistance and endorsement of PSAC, and in consulting the PGSS Council, Governance Committee and various other internal committees
BIRT Council adopt the proposed reform to the Society Activities Manual

Society Activities Reform (Elections) - Second Reading
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3 Announcements

3.1 Presentation + Questions by the FEUQ

Five minutes then questions.

3.2 Announcement on Mandatory Institutional Fee Policy

We are drafting a new transparent, efficient and democratic policy to approve a category of university fees called FIOs (Frais Institutionels Obligatoirs). Before we submit this policy for first reading, we want to give councilors a brief overview of the provincial legislation behind FIOs and of the policy we are proposing.

5mins

3.3 PGSS Flu Shot Clinic, November 6, at TH, 11:30 to 16:30

Flu season will be soon upon us, and no one has time to get sick, especially as a grad student. Visit the PGSS ballroom November 6th 11:30-4:30pm, if you have the PGSS ASEQ health insurance. For those who are not on the ASEQ plan the Flu Shot will be $15. There will be snacks/drinks available. Shots will be first come, first serve (come early as we always run out).

4 Approval of the minutes

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6.11 Report of the Health Commissioner to Council

Report of the Health Commissioner to Council

Report of the Health Commissioner to Council

7 Question Period

8 New Business

8.1 Anti-Austerity Protest on November 29th

Whereas the AGM officially denounced the drastic austerity measures of the Liberal government.
Whereas McGill could face cuts of 13 to 15 million dollars, would significantly impact the quality of its education and services.
Whereas an important anti-austerity protest will be held on the 29th of November.
BIRT that PGSS will support this protest and encourage its members to take part in it.

8.2 Numeration in Governing Documents-PGSS

WHEREAS the numeration present in our governing documents has not been properly updated;
WHEREAS the tables of contents of our governing documents have not been updated to reflect substantial changes in numeration, including additions and deletions;
WHEREAS the numeration does not allow for a proper reading of our governing documents;
BIRT that Council authorizes the Secretary-General to update the numeration of all governing documents of the Society.
BIFRT that Council authorizes the Secretary-General to revise the presentation and correct minor grammatical mistakes present in these documents.

8.3 Motion Regarding Mental Health Subcommittee Priorities

Moved by Melissa Dick from Mental Health Working Group
Motion Regarding Mental Health Subcommittee Priorities

8.4 Clarifying our Stance on International Student Tuition Deregulation - Sovereignty vs. Solidarity

Whereas international student have faced the deregulation (privatization) of certain programs (e.g. MBAs)
Whereas our Policy Manual leaves the issue of program deregulation open to interpretation.
Whereas a significant number of international students at McGill are affected by this deregulation.
BIRT that PGSS will support the stances of individual PGSAs on the deregulation of international that directly affects their programs when representing them.
BIFRT that this will not affect the overall stance of PGSS on tuition, as described in the Policy Manual.
BIFRT that PGSS will demand that no program be deregulated without obtaining consent from its students through democratic means.

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Presentation of the Vice-Principal Communications and External Relations on the Royal Victoria Hospital site.

3.2 Sustainable Projects Fund presentation

Kim McGrath from Sustainable Projects Fund Office will join us to give us a presentation on what SPF is and how students can benefit from it.

3.3 CFS Announcement

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7 Question Period

8 New Business

8.1 Council Report Presentation

Whereas executive reports can be tedious to read and difficult to understand by councillors if not put in context.

Whereas council needs this essential information to monitor the progress of executives throughout their mandate.

BIRT each executive shall give a 2 minutes maximum presentation highlighting the major points of their report before standing for question.

8.2 SAM Modification (First Reading)

Whereas Chapter 14 Section 1 subsection 2.1.1 establishes the eligibility criteria for the grant program;

Whereas Chapter 14 Section 1 subsection 2.1.1.d establishes that eligible academic projects include "symposia, conferences, lectures, workshops, excursions, and competitions."

Whereas Chapter 14 Section 2 subsection 2.2.2.f establishes that the following expenses are ineligible for funding "Expenses related to academic conference participation;"
Whereas Chapter 14 Section 2 subsection 2.2.2.f contradicts Chapter 14 Section 1 subsection 2.1.1.d;
BIRT Council approves the elimination of Chapter 14 Section 2 subsection 2.2.2.f.

8.3 Bylaws modification - First Reading
Whereas Section 6.5.5.4 (Judicial Board) establishes the meeting times for the Judicial Board;
Whereas Section 7.1.5 establishes meeting times and procedures that contradict Section 6.5.5.4;
BIRT Council approves the elimination of Section 7.1.5 of the Bylaws.

8.4 Co-Signature of GU15 Advocacy Letter - Indirect Costs of Research
Whereas we have been asked to co-sign this letter as a member of the GU15
Whereas indirect costs of research often impedes universities ability to carry out research.
BIRT that PGSS will co-sign this advocacy letter and use it to make recommendations to the government.

Co-Signature of GU15 Advocacy Letter - Indirect Costs of Research

8.5 Co-Signature of GU15 Advocacy Letter - SSHRC Student Internships
Whereas Social Sciences and Humanities students have fewer internships opportunities then students of other fields
BIRT that PGSS will co-sign this letter asking the SSHRC to create internships for social sciences and humanities students within the SSHRC.

Co-Signature of GU15 Advocacy Letter - SSHRC Student Internships

8.6 Co-Signature of GU15 Advocacy Letter - Student Representation on Tri-Council
Whereas students are important beneficiaries of federal research funding
Whereas their is currently no student members on their Board of Directors
BIRT that PGSS will co-sign this advocacy letter calling for the creation of student seats on the board of directors of federal funding agencies.

Co-Signature of GU15 Advocacy Letter - Student Representation on Tri-Council
8.7 Clarifying our Stance on International Student Tuition Deregulation - Soverignty vs. Solidarity (Second Reading)

Whereas international students are facing the deregulation (privatization) of certain programs (e.g. MBAs)
Whereas our Policy Manual leaves the issue of program deregulation open to interpretation.
Whereas a significant number of international students at McGill are affected by this deregulation.
BIRT that the following three points policy will be introduced in Society Policy Manual
1. PGSS supports the stances of individual PGSAs on the deregulation of international student fees that directly affects their programs when representing them.
2. This does not affect the overall stance of PGSS on tuition, as described in the Policy Manual.
3. PGSS will demand that no program be deregulated without obtaining consent from its students through democratic means.

8.8 Motion Regarding McGill Divestment from Tar Sands, Oil Pipelines and other Fossil Fuel Industries

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5.1 Motion to take an official position on the CFS referendum

WHEREAS a vote will be held on January 15-16, 2015 to determine whether the Post Graduate Students Society of McGill (PGSS) should be a member of the CFS WHEREAS the CFS is a federal corporation that claims PGSS owes it over $100,000 per year in membership dues. WHEREAS CFS’ purpose is “to represent Canadian students in the federal level of decision making...” but according to the Canadian constitution, education is an exclusively provincial matter. WHEREAS in the past three years, CFS has not met with the Quebec Education Minister or appeared before the Quebec National Assembly to advocate on behalf of Quebec students. WHEREAS the CFS National Executive originally tried to schedule this vote during December exams. WHEREAS In 2009, CFS subsidiary Travel CUTS was put into receivership after losing $4.3 million the previous year. WHEREAS for this referendum, the CFS-appointed Chief Returning Officer “will not approve materials that...refer to legal or quasi legal action/s before the courts that relate to the Referendum, or to other legal or quasi legal actions...” WHEREAS according to CFS bylaws, if McGill students do not vote to leave CFS in this referendum, they will not be permitted to vote again for another five years. BIRT PGSS Council endorse a “NO” vote in the CFS referendum of PGSS members

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3.1 Power shut down at Thomson House

Please note that there is a planned power shut down scheduled for 10:00pm this evening. Please be advised that you may be asked to leave the building by 9:45pm.

3.2 Love Sex Week Performances

A performance will take place at Thomson House the 13th of February

3.3 Tabled - Presentation by the Vice-Principal Communications and External Relations

Presentation of the Vice-Principal Communications and External Relations on the Royal Victoria Hospital site.

3.4 Reminder to Council members re: reports and agenda items

Please remember to title your reports and agenda items when uploading them to the stream
Example: Report of the Chief Returning Officer to Council February 4th 2015

3.5 Call for Candidates & Referendum Questions

The Chief Returning Officer invites councilors to put forward their candidacy for the 2015 - 2016 General Elections, as well as for the position of Interim Secretary-General, of which the nominations are currently in progress.

As well, the officer reminds council that referendum questions must be submitted to the CRO one week prior to the March Council meeting. Any questions submitted after the 4th of March will not be put on the ballot.

Lastly, the officer invited Councils to attend, and publicise, the dates of the election and by elections, including the debates on February 10th and 17th, as well as the nomination period which ends February 9th.
3.6 Advisory Committee on the Selection of the Dean of Science - last call

Last call to provide input!

3.7 Board of Directors

A few modifications of the board’s functioning is considered, please provide input!

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Report of the External Affairs Officer

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2015-01-29 Members Services Officer - Report to Council - February 2015

6.12 Report of the Secretary General

Report of the Secretary General

2015-01-28 Report of the Secretary General


7 Question Period

8 New Business

8.1 Resignation of the Secretary General

Whereas the Secretary General has presented his resignation letter to the Executive Committee;
Whereas the Executive Committee has approved the resignation of the Secretary General;
BIRT Council ratifies the resignation of the Secretary General

Resignation of the Secretary General
8.2 Confidence Vote

WHEREAS the Secretary-General was absent with pay during large parts of the CFS referendum campaign even though he did not receive the explicit approval of Executive Committee for this leave as required by Society Activities Manual 1.14.1,

WHEREAS the Secretary-General lost a motion of confidence at the Executive Committee by a greater than 2/3 majority in December 2014,

WHEREAS the Secretary-General unilaterally signed a letter regarding university policy on sexual assault using his title and the PGSS name without previously informing, consulting, or seeking the approval of any body within the PGSS,

BIRT the Council express its lack of confidence in the Secretary-General

BIFRT the Council requests that the PGSS Executive Committee rescinds its motion to have Juan Pinot represent the PGSS on the McGill Board of Governors and the McGill Senate after the his resignation is effective.

8.3 PGSS 2015 Interim Election

Whereas the PGSS Secretary-General has resigned and the SAM, at section 9:14, requires the CRO to conduct a by-election to fill any vacancies within 10 business days.

Whereas the CRO has proposed that Council adopt the following dates that respect the periods outlined in the SAM for by-elections

BIRT Council approved the CRO’s proposed By-Election voting days of February 18th - 24th, 2015

8.4 2015-2016 General Elections & Referendums

Whereas the Chief Returning Officer, as per SAM article 9:1 & 2:2. has elected to delay the General Elections and Referendums as to accommodate the Defederation Referendum of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Whereas the CRO has proposed that Council adopt the following dates that respect the periods outlined in the SAM,

BIRT Council approved the CRO’s proposed General Election and Referendum voting days of April 6th - 15th, 2015.

8.5 Motion to advocate for the suspension of existing tuition policies for time limit students

Submitted by Jason Jensen (MGSSA-SOCIOLOGY)

Motion to advocate for the suspension of existing tuition policies for time limit students

WHEREAS students who exceed the time limitation are de-registered and are unable to benefit from student status both inside and outside of the university, as well as lose access to university services, facilities, and academic repositories.
WHEREAS students who later submit their thesis within 2 years of de-registration are charged retroactively for all semesters between the time limitation and the thesis submission, up to a maximum of six semesters.

WHEREAS students are thereby charged for services not rendered and cannot benefit from student status.

WHEREAS the GPS has admitted to the need for revisions to existing policy and is revising it.

WHEREAS current students hitting the time limit are still subject to the current policy.

BIRT PGSS advocate for the immediate suspension of the current policy of charging students for services and student status not rendered.

BIFRT PGSS motion for this suspension at the McGill senate.

BIFRT PGSS work with McGill on creating new time limitation policies which are fair.

Motion to advocate for the suspension of existing tuition policies for time limit students

8.6 Intramural Sports (Grants) Program

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has discussed developing and implementing an Intramural Sports (Grants) Program that would allow Post-Graduate teams to connect with one another and form intramural sports teams and potentially apply for financial support for various intramural teams;

WHEREAS this sort of program has the ability to take on several different forms, including as a form similar to the existing Grants Program or one that is more logistic in nature;

BIRT Council enter into a ‘Committee of the Whole’ for 10 minutes to discuss this program and possible criteria for its implementation.

8.7 MOTION REGARDING MURDERED AND DISAPPEARED STUDENTS IN MEXICO

WHEREAS three students from the Ayotzinapa teacher-training college were found dead in the southern Mexican city of Iguala on September 26, 2014, after the municipal police opened fire on them;

WHEREAS the body of one of the students was found with his face skinned and his eyes gouged out;

WHEREAS 43 students from the same college also disappeared in the city of Iguala on September 26, 2014, and the whereabouts of 42 of them remain unknown;

WHEREAS, according to Amnesty International, students from that college had been attacked in December 2011 by federal and state police, resulting in widespread torture and two student deaths;

WHEREAS any citizen has the right to voice a critical opinion on public funding for education without being subjected to grave human rights abuses;

BIRT that interested PGSS members be authorized to work with student federations like the FÉUQ (Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec) in raising awareness about: the disappeared and murdered students of Ayotzinapa, Mexico; the actions taken by their families to find them; and the initiatives
put forth in Canada and around the world to support the victims of these human rights violations and ensure that those responsible for perpetrating them are brought to justice.
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2 Speaker’s report

3 Announcements

3.1 Committee Vacancies

Join some committees, because we need you to.

3.2 Vacant Seats on the PGSS Board of Directors

The PGSS Board of Directors is looking for two members:
1) An external (non PGSS member) position, currently vacant.
2) An internal (PGSS member) position, opening May 1st.

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2015-03-06 Health Commissioner Report to Council March 2015

6.4 Internal Affairs Officer Report to Council March 2015

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6.5 External Affairs Officer Report to Council March 2015

2015-03-07 External Affairs Officer Report to Council (March 2015)

6.6 Member Services Officer Report to Council March 2015

2015-03-10 Member Services Officer Report to Council March 2015

6.7 Financial Affairs Officer Report to Council March 2015

2015-03-05 Financial Affairs Officer Report to Council, March 2015
6.8 Budget Update Through February 2015

2015-03-06 Budget Update Through February 2015

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6.9 Environment Commissioner Report to Council March 2015

Environment Commissioner report for March 2015 Council. AGM report will be in AGM stream. Please ignore comment posted on Vikrant’s report below, was posted in error.

2015-03-04 2015-03-11 Report of the Environment Commissioner (March Council)

6.10 Equity Commissioner Report Report to Council March 2015

Equity Commissioner Report

2015-03-06 Equity Commissioner Report

6.11 Member Support Commissioner Report to Council March 2015

2015-03-04 2015-03-11 Report of the Member Support Commissioner (March Council)

7 Question Period

8 New Business

8.1 PGSS fee referendum questions

WHEREAS, PGSS has faced significant costs as part of leaving the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS);
WHEREAS, PGSS did not collect CFS dues since 2009;
WHEREAS, PGSS was required by the Quebec superior court to pay, under protest, PGSS’s 2009-2015 CFS membership dues;

WHEREAS, PGSS is facing higher rent and utilities costs for Thomson House by McGill,

BIRT the following three question be put to referendum, separately:

1) PGSS Membership Fee

“Do you agree that, starting in the Autumn of 2015 and continuing until 2020 or such time that another referendum modifies it, PGSS will increase its membership fee, charged only in the Autumn and Winter semesters (no fee during the summer) from the current rate of 32.11 to a new rate of 35.43? The new rate will be tied to the Consumer Price Index (inflation) and be charged to all graduate and postgraduate students, regardless of course load or programme.”

These funds will be used, in part, to offset the costs of leaving the Canadian Federation of Students, as well as increased rent and fees charged by McGill on the PGSS.

2) Special Projects Fee

“Do you agree that, starting in the Autumn of 2015 and continuing until 2020 or such time that another referendum modifies it, PGSS will increase its special projects fee, charged only in the Autumn and Winter semesters (no fee during the summer) from the current rate of 4.80 to a new rate of 5.80? The new rate will be tied to the Consumer Price Index (inflation) and be charged to all graduate and postgraduate students, regardless of course load or programme.”

These funds will be used, in part, to offset the costs of leaving the Canadian Federation of Students, as well as to do important repairs to Thomson House.

3) Thomson House Fee

“Do you agree that, starting in the Autumn of 2015 and continuing until 2020 or such time that another referendum modifies it, PGSS will increase its Thomson House, charged only in the Autumn and Winter semesters (no fee during the summer) from the current rate of 0.76 to a new rate of 2.47? The new rate will be tied to the Consumer Price Index (inflation) and be charged to all graduate and postgraduate students, regardless of course load or programme.”

These funds will be used, in part, to offset the increase in rent and utility fees imposed on the PGSS by McGill University.

8.2 Motion RE: Terms of Reference for JAAMWG

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https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=GBNHGi36nlM
https://www.facebook.com/events/628300660635360/

3.2 Announcement Regarding Lease Negotiations

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8 New Business

8.1 Endorsement of the Sexual Assault Policy

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BIFRT PGSS Council expresses its endorsement for the Sexual Assault Policy.

Endorsement of the Sexual Assault Policy

8.2 Resignation of the Health Commissioner

WHEREAS The Health Commissioner has submitted a formal letter of resignation
WHEREAS Any such resignation must be approved by the Executive Committee and ratified by council, as per SAM 2.1.4.1

WHEREAS The Executive committee approved the resignation of the Health Commissioner at their March 31st meeting

BIRT Council ratifies the resignation of the Health Commissioner

Resignation of the Health Commissioner

8.3 Council Schedule Motion

WHEREAS General meetings are usually preceded by Council meetings, which are often scheduled so as to open 30 minutes before the scheduled opening of the general meetings; Council meetings usually start 5 to 10 minutes after the scheduled time of their opening; General meetings require for members to sign up individually at the door, which usually takes 10 to 15 minutes; the shortest Council meetings usually take at least 15 minutes, from opening to end; which altogether signify that there is a systematic lack of time scheduled for Council meetings that precede General meetings;

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3.1 Update Public Transit - Société des Transports de Montréal (STM)

Currently, the Montreal public transit system requires students above the age of 25 to pay full price when purchasing their monthly transit pass. While lifting this age limit has been a priority of the external portfolio this year, our research has shown that it would be unrealistic for us to expect the STM to lift this restriction given their current deficit. Therefore, instead of trying to arm-wrestle an agreement from them, we presented them with a revenue neutral idea.

The external affairs officer met with Ms. Isabelle Ouellet (the director of marketing at the STM) on April 17th to discuss the creation of a new university fee that would give Montreal students full access to STM services. Our proposition emphasised the following points:

- The possibility of all Montreal based student associations to opt-into this system
- The possibility for all students to opt-out of the system
- The inclusion of part-time student and 25+ students
- That the fee be payable on a semesterly basis

We are pleased to announce that our proposition was very well received by the STM it would likely be revenue neutral and allow them to expend its customer base. Furthermore, this will likely be immensely beneficial for the image of Montreal as a university city.

A number of student associations have been invited to join us at our May 21st meeting to discuss the different modalities of this system and discuss the failure of past campus-specific models such as the one implemented at the University of Montreal.

Partners - Student Associations

All of the student associations we approached have either officially committed themselves or showed significant interest in part in this project. These include Polytechnique (undergrads), Concordia (grad and undergrads), University of Montreal, and UQAM management.

Partners - Sponsorships

In an attempt to provide additional support and to cut to cost pertaining to this system, we plan on approaching a number of potential sponsors.

We currently have a meeting scheduled with ASEQ’s representative on May 14th (update will be presented at council).

Milestones

- The STM will conduct a survey of our students this Fall to help shape parameters of this system.
-This system will likely be integrated in the universal student card project adopted by Je Vois Mtl. As such, it will likely come in effect at the start of the 2016 school year when we will transition from our current university ID system to the Montreal universal university student card system.

3.2 Announcement regarding Lease Negotiations

Financial Affairs Officer

3.3 Presentation by the Deputy Provost

A presentation by the deputy provost regarding Student Services

4 Approval of the minutes

5 Business Arising

5.1 Appointments Board: Note about decision to nominate two Environment Commissioners

Upon reviewing the applications and interviewing the candidates for the Environment Commissioner position, it was brought to the Appointments Board’s attention that the most suitable candidates were the two individuals applying jointly to become co-commissioners. Their motivation was to complement each other’s portfolio through their diverse skill sets and different backgrounds, and to share equally the responsibilities and remunerations for the position. Both candidates expressed strong interest in working with each other as co-commissioners and are both highly qualified for the position.

The Appointments Board consulted the Society By-laws and Manuals, and discussed with the Operations Manager about the feasibility of splitting commissioner remunerations. After ensuring that there is neither procedural nor practical restrictions against appointing co-commissioners, the Appointments Board recommends the appointment of Victor Frankel and Amir Nosrat to the positions of Environment Co-Commissioners for the 2015-2016 year, to be ratified by Council.
5.2 Applications sent from the Appointments Board Committee for Approval

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6.5 Report of the Secretary-General for May 2015 Council


Equity commissioner report May 2015


Please replace May 6th report with this updated report for the May 20 Council.


6.9 Report from the board to council

2015-05-15 Report from the board to council

6.10 Reports of the Judicial Board for May 2015 Council

Reports submitted by the Judicial Board regarding recent rulings.

7 Question Period

8 New Business

8.1 2015-2016 Budget

WHEREAS the PGSS budget requires Council and Board or Directors approval;
BIRT that Council approve the attached budget;
BIFRT if approved, the budget be referred to the Board for approval.

2015-2016 Budget

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8.4 Joining the Projet for a Movement Étudiant

Whereas PGSS actively participates in ongoing discussions with other student associations to attempt to create a new student federation in Quebec;

Whereas these student associations decided to create a formal, contractual agreement in order to formalize the process of creating this new federation;

Whereas this group, referred to as the Projet pour un Movement Étudiant, is expected to give rise to a new federation within the next year;

Whereas ratification of this contract grants PGSS the right to have a representative on the Board of Directors of this association;

Whereas this contract allows PGSS to leave the PPME at anytime;

Whereas PPME membership doesn’t oblige any mandatory financial contributions;

Whereas the executive committee has signed this entente pending council approval, to participate in the election of the interim committee;

BIRT council ratifies PGSS adhesion to the Projet pour un Mouvement Étudiant.
8.5 Support for AGSEM $15 minimum wage campaign

WHEREAS the Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) is undertaking a campaign to set a $15 hourly minimum wage for employees at McGill;
WHEREAS this campaign is run in collaboration with other unions at McGill, including AMUSE, AMURE, MUNACA and MCLIU;
WHEREAS various McGill employees are currently paid less than $15 an hour, including invigilators, many of which are graduate students;
BIRT PGSS Council endorses the $15 minimum wage campaign.

8.6 Board of Directors Reform

WHEREAS The following package of bylaw changes has been approved by the Board of Directors;
WHEREAS These changes would allow for flexibility in the Board selecting its own chair;
WHEREAS Increasing the size of the board from 7 to 9 members would be beneficial to its governance;
BIRT Council approves the attached proposed changes

Board of Directors Reform