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4.1 Deputy Provost Student Life and Learning

Proposed Agenda:
PGSS Council Meets and Greets the SLL E-Team
Prof. Dyens will talk about the Wellness Strategy (which is still work in progress)
Prof. Dyens will be presenting the same budget as last spring, as we have not yet developed the budget for Fiscal year 18.
SLL E-Team:
Prof. Dyens
Dr. Laura Winer
Janice Johnson
Marc Gelinas
Marisa Albanese
Richard Courtois
Robyn Wiltshire
Glen Zabowski

5 Business Arising

6 Reports

6.1 Equity and Diversity Commissioner Report to October Council

Equity and Diversity Commissioner Report to October Council ()
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6.2 Member Support Commissioner Report to October Council

Sorry I can’t make it! Some important things from my end:

* RECRUITING FOR COMMITTEE FOR MEMBER SUPPORT: if you’re interested in being DIRECTLY involved in helping students overcome difficult situations, then this committee is for you! You will have a chance to not only assist fellow PGSS members (in a confidential manner), but you’ll also learn more about the university policies and procedures and legal matters! Moreover, you’ll be reviewing applications to the Member Legal Support Fund.

** GRAD CONNECT CAFES: we have 2 more cafes for the semester - Oct. 18 and Nov. 29 (4:30-6pm in Thomson House). You can find out more here: https://www.mcgill.ca/caps/channels/event/grad-connect-cafes-255089.

2016-10-12 Member Support Commissioner Report to October Council

6.3 Health Commissioner Report

Please see the report of my activities from September - October. Any questions or ideas? Don’t hesitate to come and chat with me, or send me an e-mail at health.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

2016-10-12 Health Commissioner Report

6.4 Environment Commissioner Report

2016-10-13 Environment Commissioner Report

6.5 External Affairs Officer REPORT

2016-10-18 External Affairs Officer REPORT

6.6 FAO Report

FAO Report

2016-10-19 FAO Report
6.7 IAO Report to Council

IAO Report to Council

2016-10-19 IAO Report to Council

6.8 FAO report to Council 21September

I want to bring to your notice that for this council I will be presenting the financial statement of 2015-2016, provided by the auditor. However, I am not able to upload this document since it needs the approval of the board of directors. I will upload my report after board meeting on 19 September.

6.9 Academic Affairs Officer - Report to October Council

2016-10-11 Academic Affairs Officer - Report to October Council

6.10 Member Services Officer report to October council

Attached is the updates of current projects and my work plan for the year. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me: membership.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

2016-10-14 Member Services Officer report to October council

6.11 Secretary General Report to October Council

Please see documents attached.

First is my report. Second is a question I submitted to the Academic Senate with response from Provost Manfredi

Secretary General Report to October Council ()

Secretary General Report to October Council ()
7 Question Period

8 Discussion

9 New Business

9.1 "Motion to Approve a Referendum Question on a Midnight Kitchen Student Levy

Whereas the Midnight Kitchen (MK) is a non-profit, volunteer and worker-run organization that since 2002 provides a free, balanced and complete vegan lunch to around 300 students every Monday through Thursday at 12:30 (Shatner building, 3480 McTavish);

Whereas the Midnight Kitchen is open to everybody, and is regularly attended by graduate students;

Whereas SSMU-members (undergraduate students) currently support MK on the basis of a $3.35/semester fully opt-outable levy on their student bills;

Whereas additional funds would enable the Midnight Kitchen to add more paid staff positions, thereby providing student jobs, consolidating and diversifying its operations, and expanding its services to reach more people, including hungry graduate students;

Whereas Midnight Kitchen is collaborating with PGSS and SSMU to cater a study program for student parents in the coming year;

BIRT the following question be placed on the annual, upcoming PGSS referendum:

“Do you support a student levy of $0.75/semester to support the Midnight Kitchen, payable and fully opt-outable on Minerva by members of PGSS? The levy would run from the winter semester of 2017 until the fall semester of 2018 (inclusive), at which point it would be brought back to the membership for renewal” (yes/no)."

9.2 Motion on creation of member services committee - 2nd reading

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9.3 Amendment of Budget for MCGSS Funding (Second Reading)

Whereas the Macdonald Graduate Students’ Society (MCGSS) acts as a campus wide organization for representation, advocacy and student life for graduate students of the Macdonald Campus acting as a Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS) equivalent for the Macdonald campus,

Whereas restructuring of the budget beginning in 2016 - 2017 will allow for future funding for MCGSS to be reinstated at $5 per student per semester,

BIRT that PGSS take the equivalent of 5$ per Graduate Student at Mac Campus (approximately $2,500)
from the PGSS Grants budget line for winter 2017 to allocate to MCGSS.
BIRT that PGSS includes in their annual budget the equivalent of 5$ per Graduate Student per semester at Mac Campus to allocate to MCGSS each semester.

9.4 Motion to amend SAM to allow MCGSS to access PGSLF (Second reading)

Latest version for the October 19th council meeting

Whereas the Macdonald Graduate Students' Society (hereafter referred to as MCGSS) acts as a campus wide organisation for representation, advocacy and student life for graduate students of the Macdonald Campus.

Whereas MCGSS acts as a Post-Graduate Students' Society (hereafter referred to as PGSS) equivalent for the Macdonald campus

Whereas MCGSS hosts monthly events to provide a more social campus environment for graduate students

Whereas providing food, at events discussing issues facing graduate students, increases turnout

Whereas MCGSS is unable to acquire its own membership fees

Whereas PGSS has historically returned $16 per MCGSS member from the PGSS Membership fee to aid MCGSS in its activities, programming and advocacy

Whereas PGSS in the 2016 Winter Budget reduced its payments to MCGSS to $0 as a result of paying the Macdonald Campus Students' Society (undergraduate society) $11 per MCGSS member

Whereas without any source of revenue, MCGSS will be unable to reach out and speak to its membership, unable to learn what its membership wants of MCGSS, unable to build a campus community and cease to be of any use or importance to the Macdonald campus.

BIRT MCGSS be allowed to collect up to 30% of the Post-Graduate Student Life Fund it administers from the graduate student departments located at the Macdonald Campus.

BIFRT article "3.4.4 For graduate student departments located at the Macdonald Campus, MCGSS will collect up to 30% of the graduate student departments’ allocated PGSLF amount for partial funding of MCGSS activities and programs" be added to the PGSS Society Activities Manual under Section 2: Post-Graduate Student Life Fund

BIFRT that article 3.4.4.1 “Graduate student departments located at the Macdonald Campus can change how much MCGSS can collect from their respective Post-Graduate Student Life Fund between 0% and 30% by speaking with the MCGSS Treasurer, the MCGSS Students' Council or the MCGSS General Assembly” be added to the PGSS Society Activities Manual under Section 2: Post-Graduate Student Life Fund

BIFRT phrases in the PGSS Society Activities Manual that departments located at the Macdonald campus be prefixed with "graduate student" to not allow non-PGSS members (such as professors, administration staff) to access the PGSLF

Motion to amend SAM to allow MCGSS to access PGSLF (Second reading) ()

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9.5 Applications sent from the Appointments Board Committee for Approval

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