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4 Announcements

4.1 Election timeline

Post-Graduate Student’s Society
General Elections 2016-2017
Timeline:
December 12, 2016 E-mail notification announcing elections
December 19, 2016 Open of nominations
February 1, 2017 End of nomination period
Feb 1-7, 2017 Withdrawal and extension period
February 17, 2017 Mandatory info session
February 20, 2017 Debates @ Thompson house
March 10, 2017 End of Campaign
March 13-20, 2017 Elections
April 20, 2017 End of contestation period, deposits returned

Deviations from the SAM
1. Instead of opening the nominations on December 1, the email providing the election timetable will be sent on December 12, 2016, and nominations will open on December 19 (see SAM Ch. 9, § 2, cl. 2.1).
2. The nomination period ends on February 1, instead of the day on which February council is scheduled. (see SAM Ch. 9, § 2, cl. 2.4)
3. The withdrawal of candidature will end on February 7, 2017, and not three days prior to the elections. (see Ch. 9 §6, cl. 1.)
4. The contestation period has been increased to one month, from three days. (see SAM Ch. 9, § 6, cl. 2)
5. The deposit if $100 for each candidate will be released at the end of the contestation period, and not three days after the elections are over. (see SAM Ch. 9, § 4, cl.10)
4.2 Adoption of Sexual Violence Policy

Unanimous approval at Senate and BoG of the Sexual Violence Policy. In the policy, it includes provisions for review of the document within the first few months of its implementation.

Adoption of Sexual Violence Policy

4.3 Governance at the BoG

1) Governance structure at the BoG - some progress made to transparency (will have a question period from community members). Next steps?

2) Investment committee report. Establishes a $5 million "socially responsible investment fund" in the endowment (no mention of free from fossil fuels). Will go back to CAMSR. Will seek to make the 80% of the endowment comply with ESG principles and UNPRI certified by 2020.

Governance at the BoG ()

4.4 Gender Neutral Washrooms in Thomson House

All washrooms in Thomson House are gender neutral. Signs denote whether or not the specific restroom contains a urinal. Urinals were to be removed earlier this year, but there have been delays in renovations.

Gender Neutral Washrooms in Thomson House

4.5 Ottawa Career and Networking Trip

In Collaboration with Alumni, CaPS, SSMU & PGSS:

Register before December 8, 5:00pm, 2016

Interested in exploring career opportunities within the federal government? Please join us for our third annual federal government career tour, where you will have the opportunity to hear about career paths in the public sector, and network with hiring managers. This will be an exclusive opportunity to network with government officials. Special emphasis will be placed on public service renewal and the programs geared towards student employment.

4 spots have been reserved for Indigenous Students through the First Peoples’ House.

Dates: Wednesday, January 18th - Friday, January 20th, 2017 Destination: Gatineau-Ottawa

Lodging: Crowne Plaza Gatineau-Ottawa
Cost: total cost is covered for Indigenous Students** Departure: from Thomson House Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30pm Return to Montreal, Friday, January 20th at approximately 8:00pm

More information in the PDF!

Ottawa Career and Networking Trip

4.6 Recruitment: Young Quebecers Leading the Way Forum

Alice Lam is a Regional Youth Coordinator with Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) here in Montreal. She is currently recruiting youth Quebecers (between the ages of 15 and 25) to attend our provincial forum, Young Quebecers Leading the Way, which will take place in Gatineau on March 10-12, 2017.

The forum, entitled “A Plan for the Future: Quebec Youth and Canada in 2067,” provides an opportunity for participants to offer their views and reflect on Canada’s future based on six topics (Canadian Identity; Indigenous Peoples; the Economy; Politics and Democracy; Canada in the World; and Social Issues and the Environment). It also enables participants to establish connections with youth in other regions in Quebec, as well as other professionals and government administrators. For more information, please visit our website at http://youthleadingway150.org/.

Please contact (alice.cm.lam@gmail.com) for more information.

Recruitment: Young Quebecers Leading the Way Forum ()

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4.7 Holiday Elves for Student Parents’ Children

PGSS is hosting a Secret Santa for the children of student parents (ages ranging from straight out of the oven to 12 years old). Sign up yourself or your lab to contribute a gift (maximum $20) to a child for the holidays.

Sign up at pgss.mcgill.ca/en/event/517

5 Business Arising

6 Reports

6.1 SG: Report for December 7th Council

2016-12-02 SG: Report for December 7th Council
6.2 IAO Report to Council

IAO Report to Council
2016-12-07 IAO Report to Council

6.3 FAO Report to Council

2016-12-07 FAO Report to Council

6.4 External Affairs Officer - REPORT

2016-12-02 External Affairs Officer - REPORT ()
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6.5 Supplementary documents for the External Affairs Officer report - International Symposium on Academic Makerspaces report to the Innovation Steering Committee

Please see attached report.
2016-12-04 Supplementary documents for the External Affairs Officer report - International Symposium on Academic Makerspaces report to the Innovation Steering Committee

6.6 AAO - Report to December Council

2016-11-30 AAO - Report to December Council
6.7 Health Commissioner Report

Please send me an e-mail if you have any questions! Health.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

2016-11-30 Health Commissioner Report

6.8 Equity and Diversity Commissioner Report to December Council

2016-11-30 Equity and Diversity Commissioner Report to December Council

6.9 Environment Commissioner Report to December Council

2016-11-30 Environment Commissioner Report to December Council

6.10 Member Support Commissioner Report to December Council

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9.1 Motion to amend SAM: Guidelines on External Referendum(a)

Motion submitted to PGSS Council
Submitted by Victor Frankel, Secretary General
Submitted: November 30th
First reading: December 7th
GUIDELINES FOR EXTERNAL REFERENDUMS
Whereas, the Post Graduate Student Society of McGill (hereinafter “PGSS”) is a corporation
duly registered in the province of Quebec and is run in accordance with its bylaws
(hereinafter “PGSS bylaws”) and the PGSS Society Activity Manual (hereinafter “the SAM”), which lists
the procedures to be followed by the PGSS and its officers in conducting its affairs.

Whereas, both, the PGSS bylaws and the SAM make reference to referendum processes. The PGSS
bylaws lay down the procedure for the referenda (PGSS bylaws Section 10 and SAM Section 9)

Whereas there is a need for the Society Activities Manual of the Post Graduate Student Association
(PGSS) at McGill to address general and specific issues with external groups running referenda through
PGSS,

BIRT the following are adopted and included in the PGSS Society Activities Manual

1. All external organizations intending to run their referendums through PGSS shall fill a prescribed form
and submit the same to the PGSS office.

2. A non-refundable fee of CAD $ 200 will be payable to PGSS by the external organization to cover the
election and CRO costs, along with the form. An additional CAD $20 will be billed to the external organi-
ization for every hour of the CRO's time spent on the referendum relevant to that external organization
that exceeds $10 hours. If an external organization can not cover the $200 or additional expenses to run
the referendum through PGSS, they can petition the PGSS executive for a waiver of these fees with a
rationale for the need of a fee waiver. If approved, these fees would be covered by PGSS.

3. Within 3 days of submitting the form, the CRO will schedule a meeting with the representatives of the
external organization to discuss the timeline and answer any questions they may have.

4. The external organization will submit their referendum question to the CRO for being put-up before the
next scheduled council meeting, where the referendum question shall be considered passed if it receives
the assent of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present.

5. The Board of Directors shall then ratify the passed referendum question.

6. The external organization shall be responsible to inform the McGill University Provost’s office about
the referendum question.

7. Upon approval the external organization will then constitute “YES” and “NO” committees that shall
comprise of PGSS members only.

8. All members intending to be on either the “YES” or “NO” committee shall complete a form as prescribed
by the CRO, and submit the same to the PGSS office on the date notified.

9. The referendum campaign shall run in accordance with the rules as prescribed in the PGSS bylaws
and the SAM. (see Ch. 9, § 10)

10. The campaign will last for a minimum of two weeks.

11. The referendum(a) voting period will commence on the date agreed upon and will last for a minimum
of five days.

12. Upon the conclusion of the referendum(a), the results will be published by the CRO and an official
certified copy of these results will be sent to the external organization.

13. The external organization will be responsible for informing McGill University’s provost’s office of the
results.
Motion to amend SAM: Guidelines on External Referendum(a)

9.2 Motion to approve the creation of the Innovation Commissioner position and Innovation Committee - Jacob Lavigne

Whereas McGill University is currently creating an innovation strategy, and several programs, activities and resources related to innovation and entrepreneurship;

Whereas the PGSS does not have a mechanism through which concerted representation on committees related to innovation and entrepreneurship can be ensured over the long-term;

Whereas the PGSS does not have policies and/or positions related to the future of innovation and entrepreneurship at McGill University;

Whereas the PGSS has received requests for endorsement from start-ups initiated by students;

Whereas the PGSS does not have policies and positions related to the protocol and criteria for endorsing start-ups;

Whereas the PGSS membership has expressed interest in improving the process of identifying the appropriate resources on campus related to innovation and entrepreneurship;

BIRT that the PGSS Council approve the creation of the Innovation Commissioner position and Innovation Committee, as described in the attached document.

Motion to approve the creation of the Innovation Commissioner position and Innovation Committee - Jacob Lavigne

9.3 Appointment of Environment Commissioner

Whereas Selina Liu, one of the two Environment Commissioners, has submitted her resignation to the Executive Committee;

Whereas the Appointments Board recommends to Council that Amir Nosrat, the other Environment Commissioner, be appointed to the full position;

BIRT Council appoint Amir Nosrat as the full Environment Commissioner for the remainder of the 2016-17 year.

10 PGSA Announcements