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4 Announcements

4.1 CALLOUT: International Buddy Program Volunteers Announcement

International Buddy Program that pairs students who have completed at least one year at McGill with incoming international students. We primarily pair students based on Faculty and Program. We are short on grad students (Master & PhD) in Law, Management, and to a lesser extent Arts. If you would like more information, please follow the link:
or contact "Kally Walsh"

4.2 CALLOUT: SSPKP Volunteer Coordinator 2017-2018

The Coordinator is responsible for the implementing, developing, delivering, and managing the Study Saturday Parents and Kids Program in order to ensure a safe, developmentally appropriate environment for children. Develop culturally appropriate programs and activities. Ensure that volunteers are respectful of children and parents, and that equipment and facilities are clean, safe, and well maintained. Coordinate the volunteers and ensure that there is a proper volunteer/child ratio for each event. Monitor and record the numbers of children and parents participating in the program and any other information, as required. The Coordinator is responsible to keep current, accurate and confidential client and program files. Assist the Student Life Coordinator in all aspects of the Study Saturday Program and arrive at Study Saturday before parents and children to set up toys and equipment.

For more information, please email: membership.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

5 Business Arising

6 Reports

6.1 Secretary-General Report to Council

2017-06-23 Secretary-General Report to Council
6.2 FAO report to June council

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6.3 Academic Affairs Officer Report to Council June

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6.5 2017-06-28 Member Services Officer Report to June Council

If you are interested in joining the Member Services Committee, send me an email for more information!
membership.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

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6.6 External Affairs Officer’s report to council

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6.10 PGSS Equity Commissioner - Report to JUNE 2017 Council

Please find attached an updated Equity Commissioner report for the JUN 28’17 PGSS Council.

Many thanks, Emil

NB. I will not be present, Member Support Commissioner Maria Tippler will be giving a summary of my report on my behalf. Should council have any questions for me, please email them to me at equity.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca

2017-06-23 PGSS Equity Commissioner - Report to JUNE 2017 Council

7 Question Period

8 Discussion

8.1 Appointments Board Applications

The last applications sent to the Council from 19th June appointments board meeting through stream do not display the actual decisions that were made in the Appointments Board Meeting. I have attached the minutes of the meeting, which shows the real appointments as had been made.

The real 'appointments list' is:

Committee on Monetary Affairs Pasquale Scotti Approved
Equity and Diversity Committee Brandy Byrd Approved
Health Services Advisory Board Timothy Hadjis Approved
Graduate Supervision Working Group Tarique Hasan Approved
Governance Committee Tarique Hasan Approved
Internal Affairs Committee Devyan Kapoor Approved
Equity and Diversity Committee Monica Batac Approved

Appointments Board Applications
8.2 Committee membership

At PGSS, members get seats on internal (PGSS) committees and external (McGill) committees. In the past we have had difficulty ensuring that all committees have proper PGSS representation. As the mission of the PGSS includes representation of graduate students on issues that pertain to them, it is extremely important that these seats be taken up and that their membership fulfill their duties. We are therefore asking for some feedback on how to motivate members to get involved in committees. Does anyone have any ideas on how to facilitate the populating of committees?

Also, we are requesting that councillors interested in sitting on the following committees notify either the Internal Affairs Officer (internal.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca) or the Academic Affairs Officer (academic.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca):

9 New Business

9.1 Applications sent from the Appointments Board Committee for Approval

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9.3 Applications sent from the Appointments Board Committee for Approval

International Student Services Advisory Board
Devyan Kapoor
Approved
Committee on Student Discipline
Devyan Kapoor
Approved
Equity and Diversity Committee
Mariana Marquez Machorro
Approved
Committee on Monetary Affairs
Pasquale Scotti
Approved
Equity and Diversity Committee
Brandy Byrd
Approved
Committee on Student Services
Timothy Hadjis
Approved
Health Services Advisory Board
Timothy Hadjis
Approved
Equity and Diversity Committee
Timothy Hadjis
Approved
External Affairs Committee
Timothy Hadjis
Approved
Equity and Diversity Committee
Benjamin Keenan
Approved
Equity and Diversity Committee
Didem Dogar
Approved
Graduate Supervision Working Group
Tarique Hasan
Approved
Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Tarique Hasan
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Governance Committee
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Internal Affairs Committee
9.4 PGSS Library Improvement Fund Expenditure (1st reading)

The Library Improvement Fund ($3.00/student for fall and winter terms) exists to support the development of projects that improve the experience offered by the libraries of the University to PGSS members. All fees collected are matched by McGill University, and is thus cooperatively managed by the PGSS Library Improvement Fund Committee (PLIFC) and Office of the Trenholme Dean of Libraries. For PGSS to officially approve a project, the PLIFC must evaluate applications and propose selected projects to Council for approval. Expenditures that exceed $10,000 must go through two readings at Council.

Last term, the PGSS representative to the library did not go through the proper procedures to approve these funds, and we are therefore now having to retroactively approve them. The funds that need to be approved ($42,990) were for the hiring of 11 graduate students to work on a variety of library projects that would improve library services. More details on the projects and the cost of each can be found in the attached document. More details on the expenses related to the fund can also be found attached here.

Whereas the Library Improvement Fund (LIF) exists to financially support projects that improve the experience offered by the libraries of the University to PGSS members;

Whereas the PGSS requires the PGSS Library Improvement Fund Committee (PLIFC) to evaluate applications for projects that request funds from the LIF;

Whereas projects selected by the PLIFC need to be presented to Council for ratification, with two readings for projects that request over $10,000;

Whereas the PGSS did not follow proper procedure for the expenditure of $42,990 from the LIF for the hiring of 11 graduate students to work on projects that would improve library services;

Whereas the work of the 11 graduate students already commenced;

Whereas this ultimately benefits the PGSS by remunerating its membership and by improving services its membership uses;

Whereas no PGSS Executive or Commissioner benefitted from these funds, directly or indirectly;

Be it resolved that Council retroactively approve the expenditure of $42,990 from the Library Improvement Fund;

Be it further resolved that the approved funds be used to remunerate the 11 graduate students hired by the McGill University Library.
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