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General Meeting

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5 New Business

5.1 Approval of Frank Santillo CPA, CA as Auditor for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year

BIRT the AGM appoint Frank Santillo CPA, CA as Auditor for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year

5.2 Motion to allow petitions to remove officers

WHEREAS the Bylaws were amended at the last general meeting to specify the form that a petition must take to call a meeting to remove an officer
WHEREAS this change is not reflected in the list of actions that a petition can invoke in the bylaws
BIRT a new bylaw 8.6.1.3 be added, specifying that “Petition” may lead to a motion for removal or censure being placed on the agenda of a meeting of a governing body
5.3 Motion to amend the bylaws regarding language

BIRT the following changes be made to the PGSS bylaws

Delete Section 5 Bylaw 5

5. Language

5.1. All governing documents of the PGSS, with the exception of contracts, shall be made available in English and French.

5.2. In the case of conflict, the original language document shall prevail.

5.3. In the case of bilingually drafted documents, the English language document shall prevail.

Delete Bylaw 8.2

Minutes of general meetings, Council, Board of Directors meetings, the Appointments Board, and the Appeals Board shall be kept in English and French. In the case of a conflict on interpretation, the language of original drafting shall prevail. In the case of bilingually drafted minutes, the English version shall prevail.

Create a new Bylaw 13, “Language”, reading:

13.1 The PGSS shall maintain a language policy specifying additional language-related rights and procedures beyond those set out in these bylaws.

13.2 Members have the right to engage in English or in French with the Society through society governing documents, its general meetings and its electoral process. Specifically: 13.2.1 All governing documents of the PGSS, with the exception of contracts, shall be made available in English and French. In the case of a conflict on interpretation, the language of original drafting shall prevail. In the case of bilingually drafted document, the English version shall prevail.

13.2.2. The notice, agenda, any annual report from the Executive committee or Board of Directors, and minutes of general meetings shall be made available to members at the same time in English and in French

13.2.2. Members have the right to submit motions in English or in French to the general meeting.

13.2.3. Members have the right to speak in English or in French at the general meeting.

13.2.4 PGSS shall, to the best of its ability, provide interpretation to its members at general meetings

13.2.5. All official notices related to elections shall be made available to members in English and in French.

13.2.6. Members have the right to engage in English or in French in all stages of the election process.

13.3 Board of Directors:

13.3.1 The minutes of the meetings of the PGSS Board of Directors shall be made available in English and in French

13.2.2. Members shall have the right to engage in English or in French in the process that leads to appointment as a Director of the PGSS Board of Directors.
5.4 Motion to amend bylaws to change titles of officers (pending council approval)

Be resolved that all governing documents of the PGSS be updated to reflect the following changes to officer titles:
1) Change "Secretary-General" to "President"
2) Change "Finance Officer" and "Financial Affairs Officer" to "Chancellor of the Exchequer"

5.5 Motion to amend bylaws to expand the purpose of the corporation (pending council approval)

BIRT the bylaws be amended to expand the purpose of the corporation to include the following text:
Bylaw 2.1.6 "to promote freedom of association within the student movement"

6 Announcements

7 Discussion Items