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Quorum has been satisfied.

6:05 PM Call to order

1 Approval of the agenda

Motion Passed.

2 Approval of the minutes

Motion Failed.

3 New Business

3.1 Listserve use for the Global Sustainability Literacy Test

WHEREAS the The Rio+20 Conference highlighted the important role that Higher Education Institutions have in the pursuit of Sustainability;

WHEREAS the Global Sustainability Literacy Test is being conducted in over 10 countries around the world;

WHEREAS the results of this test are going to be presented at the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in Nagoya, Japan;

WHEREAS having baseline-specific information on PGSS members is crucial for the development and implementation of Sustainable initiatives and action plans;

BIRT that the Executive Committee authorizes the use of PGSS’s Listserve to send an e-mail to the graduate community explaining the purpose of the Global Sustainability Literacy Test and subsequently ask them to complete it online.

IAO abstains.

MSO, EAO, AAO, SG in favor.

Motion Passed.
6:30 PM 3.2 SSMU-PGSS Joint Council

Discuss idea brought up at SSMU Senate Caucus on Monday, Oct 6th, which Juan and I attended. Discuss how to get PGSS council’s interest in having a joint council meeting with SSMU and topics that would be relevant for all students.

Discussion item.

Motion Failed.

6:57 PM 3.3 E-Motion - Memoir on Student Aid

BIRT that PGSS will co-sign the CREM memoir making the following recommendations:

Recommandation 1 (Note: This is the one that’s problematic)

We ask the government of Québec to abolish tax credits applied to examinations and student fees, so that the funds may instead be reallocated to increase the amounts of admissible spendings of the loans and bursary student aid programs.

Recommandation 2 (Note: Uncontroversial good stuff)

We ask the government of Québec to cease its incentivisation of education saving plans, so that the funds may instead be reallocated to increase the amounts of admissible spendings of the loans and bursary student aid programs.

Recommandation 3 (Note: Uncontroversial good stuff)

We ask the government of Québec to abolish the tax credit assigned to the registered educations savings plan, so that the funds may instead be reallocated to increase the amounts of admissible spendings of the loans and bursary student aid programs.

Already done by e-motion.

Motion Failed.

6:57 PM 3.4 #ConsentMcGill Funding

At the September 10th Exec meeting, a proposal from #ConsentMcGill was requested before financial support could be allocated. We still don’t have a written proposal or a full budget.

4 Discussion Items

6:32 PM 4.1 Exec Happy Hours

Let’s discuss the details, implementation, budget, etc.
4.2 Discussion of Question to Senate

Discuss PGSS question to Senate on the Glen Yard site and transition plans for graduate students. Questions are due by 5pm on Wednesday, October 8th. I’m hoping I can get your help in writing and reviewing the questions.

Thanks,
Jen

5 Reports

5.1 Update on the CFS and Lease

Update given my the Sec-Gen on the CFS case and the Lease

5.2 FEUQ Updates

1. The FEUQ adopted a position against the deregulation of tuition paid by international students. This stance runs contrary to the will of the MBA students at the Desautels Faculty of Management. What should PGSS do about this?

2. The FEUQ is planning to rant a bus for the congress held in Rouyn-Noranda from October 31st to November 2nd. Who can commit to go to this congress?

3. The research on international students was delayed because they couldn’t find an expert to carry out the research on tax credits.

Adjourned