

Society of Graduate Students
July 22, 2010 Council Meeting
University Community Centre, Room 66*

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***PLEASE NOTE:** Room for the summer Council meetings if UCC 66.

SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS COUNCIL MEETING

July 22, 2010
6:00 – 8:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Ratification of Agenda
2. Announcements
3. Reception and Ratification of the SOGS Council Minutes of June 24, 2010
4. Orders of the Day
 - a. Motions arising from the President
 - b. Motions arising from Other Committees
 - c. Other Motions
 - d. Tabled Motions
5. Election of Speaker
6. Executive/Committee/Councillor Reports
 - a. President
 - Policy Committee
 - Ad Hoc Personal Policy Committee
 - b. VP Academic
 - Academic Committee
 - GSTA Awards Committee
 - WGR Editorial Board
 - c. VP External & Communications
 - Equity Committee
 - Graduate Student Issues Committee
 - d. VP Finance
 - Bursary Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Grad Club Committee
 - Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee
 - e. VP Student Services
 - Health Plan Committee
 - International Graduate Student Issues Committee
 - Orientation Committee
 - f. SOGS Commissioners' Reports
 - Disabilities Commissioner
 - Pride Commissioner
 - g. Councillor Reports
 - h. Senator and Board of Governor Reports
8. Elections – Committees (Internal & External)
9. New Business/Open Forum

Updated SOGS Council Attendance Report May 27, 2010 (Revised)

Represents (Dept)	Name	IN	OUT	Notes
Anatomy & Cell Biology	TaeEun Ahn			
Anatomy & Cell Biology	Luis Quail			
Anthropology	Alyson Jaagumagi	6:00		
Anthropology	Dina Najjar	6:00		Alt. Z. Morris
Applied Mathematics	Susanna Hug	6:00		
Applied Mathematics	Walid Mnif			
Astronomy & Physics	Robbie Halonen	6:00		
Astronomy & Physics	Bushra Hussain			
Astronomy & Physics	Draco Szathmary	6:00		
Biochemistry	Kathryn Garside			
Biochemistry	Ben Kleinstiver	6:00		
Biochemistry	Stephanie Kvas	6:00		
Biology	Jason Brown	6:00		
Biology	Aniruddho C. Hoque			
Biology	Eridan Pereira	6:10		
Biology	Sonja Teichert	6:00		
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Chemistry	Tetyana Levchenko			
Chemistry	Radu Racovita	6:00		
Classical Studies	Daniel Levy			
Comp. Lit	Anirban Halder			
Computer Science	Andrew DeLong	6:10		
Computer Science	Md. Nazrul Islam			
Computer Science	Gaston Keller	6:00		Alt. B. Locke
Computer Science	Vadim Mazalov	6:00		
CSD	Nimrit Grewal	6:00		No alternate form
CSD	Bonnie Lampe	6:00		
CSD	Silvana Rotulo	6:00		
Disabilities Commissioner	Chelsea Mohler			
Earth Sciences	Saralyn Horvath	6:00		Alt. D. Schwarz
Earth Sciences	Sam Russell	6:00		Alt. T. Unrau
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Engineering Science	Stephen Black	6:10		
Engineering Science	Mohamed El Marassi	6:05	7:05	
Engineering Science	Mohamed El Semelawy			
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Engineering Science	Abdullah Hafiz			
Engineering Science	Ahmed Hamada			
Engineering Science	Md. Yahia Hussain			
Engineering Science	Chowdhury Jubayer			
Engineering Science	Mehran Mozaffari Kermani	6:00		Alt. D. Dechene
Engineering Science	Kai Pisters	6:09		
Engineering Science	Md. Jahidur Rahman	6:00		
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English	Sally Colwell			
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Family Medicine	vacant			
Food & Nutrition	Jenille Hutchinson			
French & Linguistics	Michelle Andrighetti	6:00	7:00	Alt. P. Kim
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Geography	Matt Maltby	6:00		

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L&IS-M	Stefan Todoroff			
L&IS-M	vacant			
L&IS-PhD	Lucia C. Serantes	6:00		Alt. M. Griffis
Law	Scott Armstrong	6:00		
Mathematics	Mohammad Hassenzadeh			
Media Studies	Kyle Asquith			
Media Studies	Maeghan Pirie			
Medical Biophysics	Udunna Anazodo	6:00	7:00	
Medical Biophysics	Timothy Yeung	6:00		
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Microbiology & Immunology	Matt Rytelowski			
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Music	Leigh Allen			
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Music	Michelle Garlough			
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Neuroscience	Iman Janemi			
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Nursing	vacant			
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Occupational Therapy	Kevin Li			

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Philosophy	Mallorie Malone			
Philosophy	Nicolas McGinnis			
Physical Therapy	Stephanie Cornell	6:00		
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Physiology and Pharm.	Kim Beaucage	6:00		
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Psychology	Neil McMillan			
Public Administration	Carolina Oteiza	6:00		
Senate	Jonathan Berge			
Senate	Jenny Jiang			
Senate	Brent Sherar	6:05		
Senate	Rick Telfer			
Social Work	Blaire Courville			
Sociology	Julie Peters	6:00		
Sociology	Victoria Sit			
Stats & Actuarial Sciences	Paul Nguyen			
Stats & Actuarial Sciences	vacant			
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SOGS COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

June 24, 2010
6:00 – 6:45 pm
UCC Room 66

Speaker: Alison Braley

Recording secretary: Olga Sauer

1. Reception and Ratification of Agenda

Ratified

2. Announcements

- a) Welcome to all Councillors to the SOGS May Council Meeting. I would like to extend a special welcome to new Councillors.
- b) Summer quorum is 22.
- c) Next meeting will be in this room on July 22.
- d) SOGS Bursary deadline is June 30th. Applications are to be completed and submitted on-line.
- e) SOGS Summer Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm and on Fridays the office closes at 12 noon. A reminder that the SOGS office will be closed on Friday July 2nd, as well as July 1st.
- f) A reminder, that if you leave the Council meeting prior to the meeting being adjourned, you must indicate the **correct time** on the sign out Council Attendance Sheet. If you leave once the meeting has been adjourned there is no need to sign out.

3. Reception and Ratification of the SOGS Council Minutes of May 27, 2010

Tabled motion will be looked into by J. Dechene. This may be the wrong motion.

Revised attendance records will be posted next month.

Acceptance of May Meeting Minutes tabled until next month.

Moved – J. Dechene (Chemistry)

Seconded – D. Sutherland (President)

Unanimous

4. Elections

One candidate was unable to attend Council, so it was decided to hold Speaker Elections next month.

Motion: BIRT The Speaker candidate be made interim deputy speaker for the month of July.

(Withdrawn)

Motion: BIRT the election of Speaker be moved to the July Council meeting but no later.

Moved – C. Pilkington (Political Science)

Seconded – R. English (Music)

passes

SUPAD (Subcommittee on Priorities in Academic Development) - vacant

5. Orders of the Day

President Duncan Sutherland moved to have the two motions omnibus – seconded by S. Chowdhury (VP External).

Passes

- 1) BIRT the BCC review the impact of allowing the Sustainability Committee to elect a member of their committee to sit on the President's advisory committee on Environment and Sustainability.
- 2) BIRT the BCC review the impact of requiring Council to automatically vote on the performance of a SOGS Executive Officer or Commissioner when two consecutive reports are not included in the council package.

Moved – R. vanderZanden (Engineering)

Seconded – C. Pilkington (Political Science)

Passes

6. Executive/Committee/Councillor Reports

President

There are several positions within SGPS that will need to be filled. Will post as soon as received. Letter sent to CFS (attached to June package) on June 15th, via Canada Post Express Mail. Letter picked up Thursday, June 24th at 5:30 pm.

VP Academic

Anyone wanting a "GSTA nomination certificate" should contact the SOGS office by email (sogs@uwo.ca).

Money still available for Joint Fund requests.

VP External & Communications

Equity Committee met in June. They will be organizing more multi-cultural events.

GSIC is looking for a Chair.

August 19-22 there is a CFS meeting. If you are interested in attending contact Saidur.

VP Finance

Members need for the Grad Club Committee, as well as Finance Committee, Bursary & Subsidy Committee and Sustainability Committee.

VP Student Services

- Facebook group has been created. Several events are tentatively booked: Equestrian club trail ride (\$40 in July/August); Western Outdoors Club – white water rafting event.

- Successful in organizing Open Mic on Wednesdays at the Grad Club. IGSIC will sponsor 1 night per term – this will have an international flavour

- OC will be organizing a trip to Grandbend

- 'Councillor' party turnout was low, but all had a good time

- HPC questionnaire has been put on hold for the moment – will be looked at again in September

- office IT cleanup is being conducted by a Philosophy grad student

SOGS Commissioners' Reports

none

Councillor Reports

none

Senator and Board of Governor Reports

none

Meeting was held in the wrong room, and had to adjourn because a class was to start.

Motion to adjourn – 6:50 pm

Moved – J. Dechene (Chemistry)

Seconded – S. Armstrong (Law)

Orders of the Day

- a) Motions arising from the President
- b) Motions arising from Other Committees
- c) Other Motions
- d) Tabled Motions

Tabled until September 2010

Whereas the Graduate Education Council (GEC) meets collectively four times a year and graduate student representatives to the GEC have the option to serve up to two years.

Whereas the majority of new graduate students arrive in the Fall Term (i.e. the new Academic Year).

Whereas in an attempt to recruit new graduate students to the GEC, the start of a new term of membership for graduate student representatives to the GEC will commence on October 1 and terminate on September 30 following the second calendar year.

Whereas there are eleven graduate student representatives to the GEC, one per faculty (i.e. Arts and Humanities, Engineering, Health Sciences, FIMS, Music, Science, Social Science, Ivey [Business], Law, Education, and Schulich [Medicine & Dentistry]) with the purpose of maintaining diversity,

Whereas the BCC is currently examining the constitutionality of granting all graduate representatives to the GEC ex-officio status on SOGS,

Whereas we believe elections to serve on the GEC to be both democratic and consistent with the selection process for student Senators and Board of Governors:

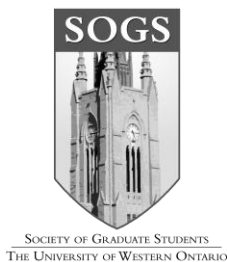
BIFRT graduate student representatives to the GEC are elected during the September SOGS Council meeting.

BIFRT SOGS email all graduate students within seven business days of September 1st to call for nominations for the positions that are vacant or for those whose current member has reached the completion of their term.

BIFRT nominations are made in person to the SOGS office within seven business days after the call for nominations, in order to verify a nominee's status and home faculty prior to election.

BIFRT should a faculty fail to nominate a member, the faculty with the largest number of graduate students with a second nominee be awarded an additional graduate GEC representative.

BIFRT no faculty shall elect more than two graduate student representatives to the GEC.



President
July 2010 Report to Council
Duncan Sutherland (sogs.president@uwo.ca)
<<http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/>>

Dear Councillors,

Committee Members Needed by SGPS

1) UCAC - University Council on Animal Care

Purpose - The purpose of the University Council on Animal Care (UCAC) is to oversee and advise on all matters pertaining to the procurement, maintenance and use of animals as defined by the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC), hereafter referred to as "animals," for research, testing and teaching associated with the University and its affiliated bodies.

The new appointee's term is for one year, July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011.

The terms of the committee is located here:

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/cteeterms/ucac.pdf>

2) AUS - Animal Use Subcommittee

Purpose - To ensure that the care and use of animals, as defined by the CCAC – hereafter referred to as ‘animals’ – throughout all stages of their life and in all experimental situations associated with all facilities operated by the University and its affiliated institutions, is in compliance with all Federal, Provincial, and University policy statutory requirements, regulations, and guidelines. Furthermore, to ensure that scientists working off-site - such as field studies or those collaborating at other sites or institutions - are in compliance with the same.

The new appointee's term is for one year, July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011.

The terms of AUS is located here:

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Health Plan

The VP Services, VP Finance and I met with post doctoral representatives concerning the health plan. Currently these individuals are able to join three times a year. However the university does not have a complete list of post doctoral students working at western; further compounding this problem is that post doctoral students are not limited to joining the university at the start of term. Both Raquel Rodrigues, our accounting manager, and Clare Tattersall, our point of contact for the Post Doctoral community, have been working to produce a package outlining the responsibilities of both SOGS and interested Post Docs to help clarify the requirements to join.

Campus Council

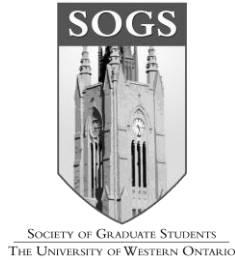
The council met to discuss the university-commissioned report regarding the arrest of a student in social sciences in October of last year. The report makes a series of recommendations regarding the policies and procedures of the campus community police services.

http://uwo.ca/local_files/downloads/boniface-report-final.pdf

In this year's handbook, SOGS will be including information regarding mental health, as well as other support services offered at UWO. It is our aim to make these services well known so that they can be taken advantage of by at risk individuals.

Duncan
President
Society of Graduate Students
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Sutherland



VP Academic
July 2010 Report to Council
Natalie Szudy (sogs.academic@uwo.ca)
<<http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/>>

Dear Councillors,

Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) Pilot Project

The Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) project is a collaborative effort between the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Western Libraries. The goal of the project is to collect all graduate research through one electronic portal. As of August 1, 2010, doctoral students planning to submit their thesis for examination between August 1 and November 10 will have the option to select submission through the ETD portal. To assist students who select this option, the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is offering workshops on:

- Wednesday, August 4, 2:00 - 3:00 pm - UCC 37
- Thursday, August 5, 11:00 - 12:00 pm - UCC 37

Students interested in using the ETD portal for submission after November 10th will be invited to attend workshops at a later date. Information regarding the ETD portal and future workshops will be communicated through the SGPS bi-weekly memo and the SGPS website (<http://grad.uwo.ca/>)

Western Graduate Review

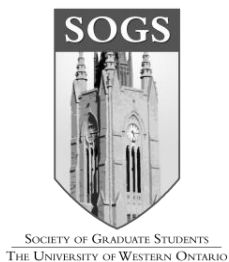
The committee is working on the final stages of a double-edition of the Western Graduate Review. This edition is set to be released online in August.

Joint Fund for Graduate Research and Scholarship:

The Joint Fund for Graduate Research and Scholarship was created to support on-campus events (conferences and lectures) that offer opportunities for Western graduate students to present and discuss their research. To date, the committee has received several applications, but is still accepting more. If you are interested in submitting an application, the form can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/Programs/jointFund.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Natalie Szudy



**VP External & Communications
July 2010 Report to Council
Saidur Chowdhury (sogs.external@uwo.ca)
<<http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/>>**

Hello Councillors:

Thanks. Here is an update of my portfolio.

GSIC

GSIC is looking for Committee Chair and Co-chair. If you are interested to join GSIC as a Chair, please email me at sogs.external@gmail.com.

The Graduate Student Issues Committee (GSIC) of SOGS is responsible for selecting non-executive members to attend Federation general meetings as part of the SOGS (CFS Local 47) delegation. The AGM will be held on Thursday, August 19 to Sunday, August 22, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Markham, Ontario. Registration dead line is **Thursday, August 5, 2010**. If you are interested in serving as a SOGS delegate, or if you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Equity Issues Committee

Committee meeting will be held after 20th July, 2010. Committee will discuss on-going projects.

Committee is planning to invite officials from Western's Accessibility and [Western's Ontarians Disabilities Act Committee \(WODAC\)](#) at committee meeting.

CFS

At the beginning of every academic year, the Federation travels around the province to locals during orientation events to issue International Student Identity Cards (ISIC) to members. The International Student Identity Card gives students discounts in countries across the globe and here at home it serves to cut the cost of VIA Rail and Greyhound tickets and other travel services. ISIC will be distributed at our campus on October 5th- 6th, 2010. Please check our SOGS website for more information.

Please find important media release from CFS.

1) On eve of G8 and G20 Summits, representatives of more than 150 million students release public statement on the global summits

Canadian Federation of Students

Thursday, June 24, 2010
OTTAWA--

On the eve of meetings of the G8 and G20, students' organisations from across the world, collectively representing more than 150 million secondary and post-secondary students, have released a public statement calling for a commitment to education and public services.

"Protecting public services and investing in education are vital to building a secure and prosperous global future," said David Molenhuis, National Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "Students from across the world are united in calling on the leaders of the G8 and G20 to invest in people and the planet, not privatise public services and resources."

The statement contains a set of principles shared by students across the world. The principles are centred on the importance of education and other public services in building global equality and economic prosperity, and the responsibility of all countries to work together to uphold them. The statement calls on the leaders of the G8 and G20 to:

- chart a course for the global economy that prioritises these principles;
- establish plans to meet the principle of the United Nations Covenant on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights that states "higher education shall be made equally accessible to all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the progressive introduction of free education."
- propose bold action to combat global poverty; make real progress to prevent global warming and transform the global economic and financial system to create a fair and sustainable world.

"Most members of the G8 and G20, including Canada, have a dismal record on equality of access to education," added Molenhuis. "Charting a course for the new economy, that is centered around strong public services, including education, should be a top priority for all political leaders."

The statement was endorsed by Canada's national students' union, the Canadian Federation of Students as well as the United States Students' Association, Continental Organisation of Latin-American and Caribbean Students, European Students' Union, All Africa Students' Union, General Union of Arab Students, Asia Pacific Student Association and other unions. Collectively, these organisations represent over 150 million students across the globe.

Founded in 1981, the Canadian Federation of Students is Canada's oldest and largest students' organisation, uniting over one-half million students from all ten provinces.

Related site: <http://www.cfs-fcee.ca>

Contact: Noah Stewart, Spokesperson (Toronto, G20 Media Center)

Tel: 613-889-7395

Contact: David Molenhuis, National Chairperson

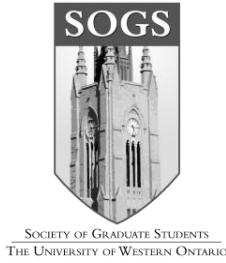
Tel: 613-232-7394

If you have any questions about my portfolio, feel free to contact me at sogs.external@gmail.com.

Cheers

Saidur R Chowdhury

VP External Affairs & Communications.



VP Finance
July 2010 Report to Council
Jordan Harel (sogs.finance@uwo.ca)
<<http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/>>

Dear Councilors,

This month, I attended the Health Plan Committee meeting in order to gain additional knowledge of the health care costs of the Society. I did so because I believe it is important for the VP Finance to be familiar with the costs of our health insurance, especially in the current climate of rising rates.

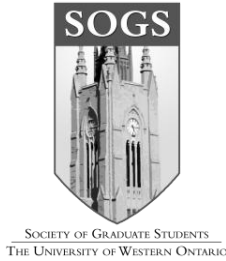
As well, I also attended meetings with post-doctoral representatives, as well as key individuals from SGPS regarding post-doc inclusion, information and streamlining with respect to the SOGS health plan.

This month, the analysis of specific figures as well as calculating the amount of capital to recommend to the Finance Committee regarding the potential SOGS endowment with the University is also planned.

Thank you,

Jordan Harel

VP Finance
Society of Graduate Students –UWO



**VP Student Services
July 2010 Report to Council
Christopher Hum (sogs.services@uwo.ca)
<<http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/>>**

Dear Councilors;

The partners of the VP Student Services portfolio are happy to announce the following activities that have been completed since our last council meeting.

Open Mic and Poetry Slam at the Grad Club: We have now hosted 6 open mic nights. This event will be held weekly on Wednesdays. On 21 July 2010, Open Mic night will be organizing and “International Music Night”. This sounds from around the world evening is open to all members of Western’s graduate student community.

Trail Ride: Our first horseback riding trail adventure will be occurring this upcoming Saturday 17 July 2010 at Texas Longhorn Ranch in Strathroy, Ont.

Beach Trip: This event will be postponed until mid-August. Please consult the “Graduate Students of the University of Western Ontario” facebook group for further details.

Fergus Scottish and Highland Games: If anyone is interested in carpooling to Fergus, Ontario for the highland games and mass pipe and drum band, please let us know

Health Plan Committee: Drew Martin from C & C Insurance provided a presentation to the orientation to bring committee members up to speed on the particulars of the health care plan. We are now officially in the final stages of the health care plan renewal.

International Graduate Students Committee: Will be hosting a dinner and night of music for its members on 21 July 2010 at the Grad Club – dinner is restricted to international students only, but open mic is open for everyone.

Orientation Committee: Chair of OC Jessica Dechene has gone above and beyond her responsibility as chair to get the Handbook ready for editing and publication. We are happy to announce that the committee anticipates that we will remain on schedule for the production of the handbook. Special thanks to the Department of Computer Science for putting together a survey on the ‘Necessity of the Handbook’. Thank you Gaston Keller and associates.

Again, if you are interesting in helping plan social events with SOGS, please contact sogsserv@uwo.ca

Warmest regards,

Christopher Hum
Ph.D Student (History)
VP Student Services
Society of Graduate Students



SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

**Commissioner for Graduate Students with Disabilities
July 2010 Report to Council
(sogs.disabilities@uwo.ca)
<<http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/>>**

Hello:

I wanted to let you know of another project on which I am working which will assist with accessibility on campus.

I am currently working with the staff at Thomson Arena to place Braille labels on on the buttons of the workout equipment (E.G. treadmill), so students who are vision restricted are able to utilize the equipment independently.

There has been some challenge in locating a company that is able to manufacture these labels, but I am informed by Michelle Harvie that one may have been located.

Chelsea E. Mohler

Elections Tables

Position	Month Elected	Date Office Taken
Vice President Academic	September	October 1
Vice President Finance	September	October 1
President	March	May 1
Vice President External & Communications	April	May 1
Vice President Student Services	April	May 1
Speaker	June	July 1

Type	Position	Nominee	Department
SOGS	Academic Committee – Western Research Forum		
SOGS	Bursary & Subsidy Committee		
SOGS	Bylaws and Constitution Committee		
SOGS	Elections Appeal Board		
SOGS	Equity and Social Justice		
SOGS	Finance Committee		
SOGS	Grad Club Committee		
SOGS	Graduate Student Issues Committee		
SOGS	Graduate Student Teaching Awards Committee		
SOGS	Health Plan Committee		
SOGS	International Student Issues Committee		
SOGS	Orientation Committee		
SOGS	Policy Committee		
SOGS	Personnel Policy Committee		
SOGS	Sustainability Committee		
SOGS	WGR Editorial Board		
Other	SUPAD*		

* Subcommittee on Priorities in Academic Development (SUPAD) is seeking a graduate student to serve on the committee for one year commencing July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011. We require a student from the Physical, Mathematical Sciences and Engineering discipline, **but NOT from: Physics & Astronomy, Chemistry or Civil & Environmental Engineering.** (Appendix B)

Robert's Rules at a Glance

To do this	You say this	May you interrupt the person speaking?	Must you be seconded?	Is the motion debatable?	Is the motion amendable?	What vote is required?
Object to incorrect procedure being used	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
Object to something which prevents your continued participation (e.g., excessive noise)	Point of personal privilege	Yes	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
Object to a motion being considered	I object to consideration of this motion	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 Majority
Considered something out of its scheduled order	I move the agenda be amended in order to deal with the following item...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Overturn the ruling of the Speaker	I challenge the Speaker on...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Change a motion	I move that the motion be amended to read...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Have a motion studied more before voting on it	I move that the motion be referred to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone further discussion on a motion until later in the meeting	I move that the motion be tabled until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Postpone consideration of a motion until future meeting	I move that the motion be postponed until...	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
Raise a matter previously tabled	I move that motion... be lifted from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider a motion already voted on earlier in the meeting	I move that motion... be reconsidered	No	Yes	Yes (if original motion was)	No	Majority
End debate on a motion	I call the question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
Ask that everyone's vote on a particular motion be recorded in the minutes	I call for a roll call vote	No	No	No	No	No vote required, Speaker rules
Recess the meeting	I move that the meeting recess until...	No	Yes	Only to time	No	Majority
End the meeting	I move that the meeting adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

RULES OF Decorum/Debate:

Right of Council Members and Non-Council/Non-Society Members

- The Speaker has the right to deny a non-council/non-society member the right to speak. A non-society member is someone who is not a full or associate member of the Society. Only those that are full or associate members are given the right to attend and speak at any meeting of the Society according to the SOGS constitution.
- Robert's Rules state that a guest is not allowed to come to a Council meeting unless it is an open meeting, or unless they were invited to the Council to give input on an issue because that guest has special knowledge about the subject. In that case, after the guest has spoken and answered any questions, they would leave and would not be allowed to participate in debate.

Rules:

- **Direct any questions/comments to the Speaker.**
- **A member can only speak twice during the presentation. The second question will be asked at the end of the queue.**
- **Comments must be relevant to the topic and be of a general nature.**
- **Only one person speaking at a time.**

Removing an Offender from the Assembly Hall

- Anyone attending a meeting can be removed from the assembly hall. The Speaker has the power to remove a non-member at any time during a meeting, and this person has no right to appeal the Speaker's decision. (However, a member can make an appeal on behalf of the non-member.) An assembly vote is required to remove a member.
- If a person is asked to leave the assembly and refuses, the Speaker should take the steps necessary to see that order is enforced. The Speaker must carefully appraise the situation and act wisely. The Speaker can appoint a committee to escort the person to the door.
- Those escorting someone to the door must be careful how much force they use, because they can be liable for damages or be sued. If those appointed to escort the person to the door can't persuade the person to leave, they will call the police.

Though members have the right to debate, established parliamentary rules concerning the privileges of debate exist:

- A member must obtain the floor and be recognized by the presiding officer before beginning to speak. A member can't begin speaking until recognized by the Speaker, the presiding officer.
- The member who made the motion has the first right to speak to the motion. He/she does so by being acknowledged by the Speaker once the Speaker has placed the motion before the assembly for discussion.
- A member can speak twice to the motion on the same day, but he/she can take the second turn only after everyone who wishes to speak the first time has spoken. If debate on the motion is continued at the next meeting, which is held on another day, the member's right to debate is renewed. Debate must be relevant to the motion.
- Members must address all remarks to the Speaker; cross talk between members is not allowed.
- Members must be courteous and never attack peers or question the motives of other members. In controversial issues, the discussion should be focused on ideas, not on personalities. Members must not use inflammatory statements such as "it's a lie".
- When speaking to a motion, it is important for the member to first let the assembly know which side of the issue he/she is on. If in favour of the motion, the member states: "I speak for the motion" and gives the reasons why. If opposed, the member states: "I speak against the motion" and gives the reasons why. Doing so helps the Speaker alternate the debate.
On controversial issues, the Speaker should alternate the debate between those speaking for and those speaking against the motion. After someone speaks for the motion, the Speaker asks, "Would someone like to speak against the motion?" and vice-versa.
This practice ensures that all sides are represented, keeps tempers down, and prevents one side from dominating the discussion.

- A member can't read (or have the secretary read) from part of a manuscript or book as part of his or her debate without the permission of the assembly. However, the member can read short, relevant printed extracts in debate to make a point.
- During debate, a member can't talk against a previous action that is not pending, unless one of the motions to *rescind*, *reconsider*, or *amend something previously adopted* is pending; or unless the member concludes his/her remarks with one of these motions.
- During debate, member should take care not to disturb the assembly by whispering, talking, walking across the floor or causing other distractions.

Limitations on Debate or "Call the Question"

- Only the motion to *limit debate* can limit debate; and debate can be closed only by the motion *to call the question*. These motions need a second, are not debatable, and require 2/3 vote to adopt.

To Amend a Motion

- Purpose: To change the pending motion before it is acted upon; proposed amendments must be relevant to the main motion.
- Needs a second
- Amendable, but the secondary amendment must be relevant or related to the primary amendment.
- Debatable. Debate goes only to the amendment.
- Majority vote required to adopt. If amending a motion or document that takes a 2/3 vote to adopt, the proposed amendment takes only a majority vote.
- Can be reconsidered.
- **Result:** If adopted, the proposed change becomes part of the pending motion.

Appendix A

Speaker Candidate Statements

June 18, 2010

RE: SOGS Speaker

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of my candidacy for the position of Speaker of the Society of Graduate Students at the University of Western Ontario. I am currently a first-year PhD student in the Department of Political Science. My research interests centre on the role of Parliament and Members of Parliament in the policy process; with a particular focus on the role of the backbencher.

I have long been a student of Parliamentary procedure. At the age of thirteen, I purchased 23 volumes of the Ontario Legislature's Debate Records from 1968 to 1991. These 178 hardcover books continue to adorn a place of honour in my home. With my early interest in Parliament and politics, it became only appropriate that I pursued a Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management (BPAPM) degree from the Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs at Carleton University. I further leveraged my undergraduate studies by pursuing a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University.

I was heavily involved with my programme's student societies at both Carleton University and Queen's University. While at Carleton, I served as VP (Finance) of the Arthur Kroeger College Educational Students Society for two years and one year as President of the Society. At Queen's, I was the President/Co-Chair of the MPA Student Society. At all times, I attempted to chair meetings in both a collegial and proper manner.

In addition to my academic background, I also spent four years as a Legislative Assistant on Parliament Hill in a Member of Parliament's Office and nearly two years as a federal public servant. While on Parliament Hill, my employer served as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage. During this time, it was necessary for me to become informed on a variety of Parliamentary procedures and the idiosyncrasies of these rules. I was frequently called upon to assist the Chair in conducting research in support of his rulings.

Once again, thank you for the honour of standing for this position. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,

John Nater
PhD Student (Political Science)
The University of Western Ontario

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Paul Ricci. I am a first year Masters student in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the University of Western Ontario (UWO). This letter regards the selection of candidates for the position of Speaker of the Society of Undergraduate Students (SOGS) for 2010-2011. I would like to formally submit my candidacy.

My interest for submitting my candidacy for SOGS Speaker primarily reflects my motivation to be more involved with campus affairs during my graduate studies at the UWO. Due to a majority of my research being conducted in the Victoria Research Laboratories at Victoria Hospital, I am rarely provided the opportunity to conduct any activities on campus due the distance between campus and my laboratory, save for recreation and my former Teaching Assistantship position. Although I am full-time student, this geographical expanse has led me to feel disconnected from campus affairs and key issues concerning graduate students. I feel that my time serving as SOGS speaker could overcome this barrier and assist in re-integrating myself into campus affairs.

My involvement with student government in my undergraduate career has been minimal. However, I was active in the University of Western Ontario and London community through volunteer work, and I feel my previous and current volunteer commitments make me a suitable candidate for this position. From 2006-2010, I volunteered as a student tutor with Frontier College (FC), where I assisted students at various schools and tutoring organizations throughout London. I was appointed to Lead Coordinator of FC in my 4th year of undergraduate studies, where I was responsible for the coordination of hundreds of volunteers on four different student education sites. I volunteered as a Soph for the Faculty of Science in 2008-2009, and I was responsible for assisting and coordinating programming for first year-students during Orientation Week as well as throughout the school year. As a graduate student, I was elected to serve as floor representative as part of the Lawson Association of Fellows and Students (LAFS) Student Council, and I assist in the planning and execution of several social and charity events. Last term I worked as a Teaching Assistant for Biology 2244a. I was responsible for coordinating laboratory sessions, marking assignments, and conducting review sessions for 50 students. I was nominated for a Graduate Student Teaching award for my efforts.

I hope you consider my application for the position, and I wish you the best of luck in selecting a candidate best suited for this position.

Sincerely,

Paul Ricci
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The University of Western Ontario
(519) 685-8500 ext 55457

pricci@uwo.ca

Appendix B

The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO
SENATE

Subcommittee on Priorities in Academic Development (SUPAD)

Terms of Reference:

To recommend to the University Research Board allocations from the Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiatives Award in accordance with the ADF Guidelines or as otherwise determined by Senate.

To undertake other activities related to academic priorities and planning as requested by the University Research Board.

Composition:

Twelve persons appointed by the University Research Board, no two of whom may be from the same academic department, and one of whom shall be a graduate student, to be structured in three discipline-oriented subgroups of four members each. Terms of elected members will be three years, except for the graduate student member, whose term will be one year. The graduate student will be selected from a different discipline area in the following order: Arts/Humanities/Social Science, Biosciences, Physical Sciences.

Ex officio:

Vice-President (Research & International Relations)
Associate Vice-President (Research), who shall be Chair
Vice-Provost (School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies), who shall be Vice-Chair
Secretary of Senate (non-voting)

Members of SUPAD may apply for grants from the Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award, Major Grant Competition and Small Grant Competition, subject to the [conflict of interest policy and procedures](#) approved by Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Membership Cycle: July 1 - June 30.

New Members: Appointed by URB in April for terms to start July 1.

Meetings: Minimum of two formal Committee meetings annually. Retreats held in February and March (approximately) to consider ADF Major Grant applications. It is the aim of the Subcommittee to finalize its decision in early March so that they may be presented to Senate through URB by April. Additional meetings scheduled in December and June for the panel review of Small Grant applications; deadlines are October 15 (Fall Small Grant competition) and March 15 (Spring Small Grant competition) respectively. [Conflict of Interest Statement: Senate Agenda of September 19, 1996, Exhibit I, page 5.]

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Appendix C CFS Report by Tae-Eun Ahn

Friday May 21, 2010: Tabaret hall

Delegate preparatory session started with introduction of all first time or returning delegates who were present (stating local number, name and institution they represent) and covered past CFS achievements as well as its history which were immensely useful information for the first time delegate.

The history of CFS or student union in general was covered in most clear and concise manner and it was very neat to see how student union evolved with the history of Canada and the world.

- The student union first formed in 1920s in Canada, during the great depression, when 'prodigy' or 'legacy' of wealthy families who saw education as their own 'privilege' now had to fight it as their 'right' when many became impoverished.
- First World War in 1930s resulted in the production of veteran bursary and many war veterans took this opportunity to pursue higher education. This resulted in influx of 50,000 middle/lower class youths to enter university. The student movement became very important with this increase in number of students admitted to university and this shift of the student demography also shifted the 'morale' of student union.

Saturday May 22, 2010: Tabaret, Westin hall, Fateaux

Delegate prep session continued in Tabaret hall and this session provided all new delegate with information about all the motion to be covered in the general meeting

Key note speaker, Linda McQuaig opened the floor and her comparison of Scandinavian nation vs. North America and flat tax vs. progressive tax and demolition of state tax (inheritance tax) and the metaphor of parade of rich people's height being proportional to their wealth, which all eventually leading to her argument about social responsibility related to post secondary education in consideration to CFS movement was inspiring.

General meeting: The opening plenary started with the news that current chair will be retiring and introduction of the new speaker. One of the biggest highlight during the opening plenary was a student union from McGill University attempting to dissolve its membership with CFS. It was denied and McGill made quite a scene after that. Concordia University also attempted to dissolve their membership however; this could not be continued as the meeting went over the translator's time. I remembered referendum taking place at UWO to void (or decertify) membership with CFS and I talked to one Alberta representative (she was the only representative from Alberta because her school, Alberta school of arts was the only school that was part of CFS from the province of Alberta).

Seminars: Current issues in higher education mainly talked about student debts and increased tuition fees.

Education completed	>highschool	highschool	Some post education	secondary	Certification/ diploma	Degree
Median income	\$20,000	\$27,000	\$26,000		\$28,000	\$36,000

Ontario currently has the highest tuition fees with worst student-faculty ratio and the president of the university often believe in the 'myth of the millionaire' (where on average, those with university degree will make more than million dollars than those without) which they use it to justify for high tuition fees.

When looking at 25% lowest income of those with degree, average high school grads typically earn much higher income. The total net income has even bigger differences due to the fact that average grads have loan of \$25,000 and for those coming from low-income family, it takes about 10 years to pay back the loan due to the compound interest which increases the debt up to 138%.

Sunday May 23, 2010: Tabaret, 90 University Rm 140, Fateaux

Seminar/Workshop: copyright bill and privatization of education

Michael Geist talked about bill c61 and talked about fair copy right. His talk centered on how new copy right bill will affect the current state of education. Mr.Geist also talk extensively about the digital locks will trump everything. For example, although book snips are legal, copying part of ebook would be illegal. The new copy right law would complicate many things because even things paid levy, a CD that was bought, burning them for personal possession would be also considered illegal.

For graduate students, special seminar was held on afternoon. A guest speaker came to talk about a privatization of education and an incident that took place in University of Manitoba as an example. Navitas

is a company that basically turned knowledge as a commodity and student, a consumer at University of Manitoba. Without giving a notification to board of governors and senate, Navitas offered a service to students all around the world, a course from university of Manitoba, using current instructor's lecture notes with no oversight from them. Navitas hired their own instructor to teach a course and offered a degree from University of Manitoba. All the intellectual property including power point presentation produced by professors in University of Manitoba became a property of Navatas. In essence, the quality of education was diluted through privatization.

Since I am part of national graduate caucus, I attended a meeting and we discussed motion 02 (160), 06, 09, 17, 26, 37,38, 41. In addition to discussing these motions, grad reps (3 people) were elected for each committee meeting. I volunteered to represent national graduate caucus for policy review and development committee.

I also attended provincial/regional meeting. For Ontario, same event took place. Discussing motions and then electing Ontario representative for each respective committee.

Monday May 24, 2010: Tabaret, 90 University Rm 140

Essentially, this day was a continuation from Sunday. Everything was discussed and accounted for the closing plenary – please see the binder to access the corrections made in motion by the policy review and development committee.

Tuesday May 25, 2010: Tabaret, 90 University Rm 140, Westin Hall

Last constituency group, regional/provincial and caucus meeting took place. This was to ensure everything was ready to fully discuss during closing plenary.

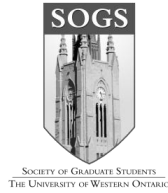
I attended the beginning portion of closing plenary as I took an evening train back to London. I tried to give my proxy to a student union from University of Guelph, but when I asked the speaker, it turned out I couldn't in midway.

Anyway, there were few things that were highlighted during the meeting that I have decided to write in bullet form, you (the reader) or others might find interest in these issues/achievements.

- First nation university closure. It's a very messy problem, as the closure could have been simply justified by the ongoing corruption with the administration/faculty in this academic establishment; however the closure wasn't fair for all attending students.
- Copy right. Needs mobilization with coalition partners for the fair copyright; regressive government reforms
- International students. CFS met with citizenship and immigration (CIC) so that students may be given priority. In September 2009, the queue time changed to 3 weeks for student visa.
- CFS is part of public education network
- Bottled water free campus. Took place on March 11th, in partnership with polaris institute. Now several campus in Ontario (ie.// Guelph University and Ottawa University to name a few) have banned bottled water on their premises (which is to say, they are no longer available for students to buy)
- November general meeting – appointment of new assistant deputy minister of human resource and skills development
- Sweat shop free materials promotions – single mothers from developing countries working in safe and fair environment, sent a letter to CFS with gratitude.

Lastly, since I'm part of HPC (health plan committee) I took an interest immediately to the national student health network. While working with Drew (broker), sometimes I couldn't feel there were lot of biases in his figure and that he wanted SOGS health plan to give up certain benefits (ie.// Gardasil). CFS, for the prevention of broker taking advantage of student, offers health plan audit. Perhaps, this HPC could take an advantage of this service?

Everything that I received, covered and collected is all inside the binder, if you have any question. Please direct them at tahn2@uwo.ca



Society of Graduate Students Alternate Councillor/Proxy Form

The purpose of this form is:

Alternate Councillor Designation

or

Proxy Designation

First and last names of Issuer (please print)

Student No.

Department, unit, or constituency of Issuer

E-mail address of Issuer

Duration of leave (dates)

Only applicable to Alternate Councillors

Alternate Councillor/Proxy Voter

First and last name (please print)

Student No.

Department, unit, or constituency (for verification purposes of Alternate Councillors)

E-mail address

Authorization

Signature of Issuer

Signature of Recipient

Date

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