

**Society of Graduate Students
August 26, 2010 Council Meeting
University Community Centre, Room 66**

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SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS COUNCIL MEETING

**August 26, 2010
6:00 pm**

AGENDA

- 1. Ratification of Agenda**
- 2. Guest Speaker**
- 3. Announcements**
- 4. Reception and Ratification of the SOGS Council Minutes of June 24, July 22 and August 5, 2010**
- 5. Orders of the Day**
 - a. Motions arising from the President
 - b. Motions arising from Other Committees
 - c. Other Motions
 - d. Tabled Motions
- 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 | | |
| Biology | Mathew Vankoughnett | 6:00 | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Erden Ertorer | | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Corey Smith | 6:00 | | |
| Board of Governors | Jonathan Berg | | | |
| Business (Ph.D) | Foad Hassanmirzaei | | | |
| Business (Ph.D) | Heather Spiegel | | | |
| Chemistry | Joshua Byers | 6:10 | | |
| Chemistry | Jessica Dechene | 6:00 | | |
| 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 |
| Earth Sciences | Reynold Sukara | | | |

| Represents (Dept) | Name | IN | OUT | Notes |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------|------|----------------------|
| Economics | Jacob Wibe | | | |
| Education | Jensen R. Caughlin | | | |
| Education | Erica Pridoehl | | | |
| Education | Magdalena Stepien | | | |
| Education | Zheng Zhang | | | |
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Alassuity | | | |
| Engineering Science | Reza Azarderakhsh | 6:05 | | |
| Engineering Science | Stephen Black | 6:10 | | |
| Engineering Science | Mohamed El Marassi | 6:05 | 7:05 | |
| Engineering Science | Mohamed El Semelawy | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Elatar | 6:20 | | Alt. R. vanderZanden |
| 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 | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Soliman | | | |
| Engineering Science | Islam Soliman | 6:09 | | |
| Engineering Science | Mostafa Zaman | 6:00 | 7:05 | |
| English | Sally Colwell | | | |
| English | Kevin Godbout | | | |
| English | Erica Leighton | 6:00 | | |
| English | Sherry Thompson | | | |
| Environment & Sustainability | Jean-Louis Charette | | | |
| Epidemiology & Biostats | Candi Flynn | 6:00 | | |
| Epidemiology & Biostats | Sabrina Youash | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - President | Duncan Sutherland | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - Speaker | Alison Braley | | | |
| Executive - VP Academic | Natalie Szudy | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - VP External | Saidur Chowdhury | | | |
| Executive - VP Finance | Jordan Harel | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - VP St. Services | Christopher Hum | 6:00 | | |
| Family Medicine | vacant | | | |
| Food & Nutrition | Jenille Hutchinson | | | |
| French & Linguistics | Michelle Andrighetti | 6:00 | 7:00 | Alt. P. Kim |
| French & Linguistics | Traci Wai | 6:00 | | No alternative form |
| Geography | Matt Maltby | 6:00 | | |

| Represents (Dept) | Name | IN | OUT | Notes |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------|------|-----------------|
| Geography | Richard Sadler | 6:00 | 7:00 | Alt. V. Ngethe |
| Global Film Culture | Adam Szymanski | | | |
| GTA Union Representative | Reza Azarderakhsh | 6:05 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Kristen Bishop | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Lizebeth Cox | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Christine Cullion | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Charity Davy | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Sarah Woolmore-Goodwin | 6:00 | | |
| Hisp Studies | vacant | | | |
| History | Randy Kissack | | | |
| History | Adam Rochweg | | | |
| History | vacant | | | |
| Journalism | Lauren O'Neil | | | |
| Kinesiology | Stefanie De Jesus | 6:00 | | |
| Kinesiology | Casey Gray | 6:00 | | Alt. P. VanWyk |
| Kinesiology | Carly McKay | 6:00 | | |
| Kinesiology | Jacqueline Simatovic | | | |
| L&IS-M | Gary Collins | | | |
| L&IS-M | Katie Granton | 6:05 | 7:05 | |
| L&IS-M | Karen Hine | | | |
| L&IS-M | Gary Jermy | | | |
| 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 | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Geoffrey Zeni | | | |
| Microbiology & Immunology | Matt Rytelowski | | | |
| Microbiology & Immunology | Jessica Tong | | | |
| Music | Leigh Allen | | | |
| Music | Richard English | 6:00 | 6:40 | short |
| Music | Michelle Garlough | | | |
| Music | vacant | | | |
| Neuroscience | Iman Janemi | | | |
| Neuroscience | vacant | | | |
| Nursing | vacant | | | |
| Nursing | vacant | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Kevin Li | | | |

| Represents (Dept) | Name | IN | OUT | Notes |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------|-----|-------|
| Occupational Therapy | Val MacIntyre | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Laura Mee | 6:00 | | |
| Occupational Therapy | William Tam | | | |
| Orthodontics | vacant | | | |
| Pathology | Christina Yang | | | |
| Philosophy | Mallorie Malone | | | |
| Philosophy | Nicolas McGinnis | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Stephanie Cornell | 6:00 | | |
| Physical Therapy | Kelsey Maxymyshyn | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Stephanie Mills | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Chris Statten | 6:00 | | |
| Physiology and Pharm. | Kim Beaucage | 6:00 | | |
| Physiology and Pharm. | Jessica Osumek | | | |
| Physiology and Pharm. | Ryan Shugg | 6:00 | | |
| Physiology and Pharm. | Sonia Volante | | | |
| Political Science | Robert Maciel | | | |
| Political Science | Chad Pilkington | | | |
| Psychology | Caroline Bennett- AbuAyyash | 6:00 | | |
| Psychology | Paula Brochu | 6:00 | | |
| Psychology | Pralle Kriengwatana | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| Theology | vacant | | | |
| Theory & Criticism | vacant | | | |
| Theory & Criticism | vacant | | | |
| Visual Arts | vacant | | | |
| Visual Arts | vacant | | | |
| Women's Studies | Elizabeth Leinveer | | | |

SOGS Council Attendance Report June 24, 2010

| Represents (Dept) | Name | IN | OUT | Notes |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------|-----|------------------|
| Anatomy & Cell Biology | TaeEun Ahn | 6:00 | | |
| Anatomy & Cell Biology | Luis Quail | 6:00 | | |
| Anthropology | Alyson Jaagumagi | | | |
| Anthropology | Dina Najjar | 6:00 | | Alt. Z. Morris |
| Applied Mathematics | Susanna Hug | 6:00 | | |
| Applied Mathematics | Walid Mnif | | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Robbie Halonen | | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Bushra Hussain | | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Draco Szathmary | | | |
| Biochemistry | Kathryn Garside | | | |
| Biochemistry | Ben Kleinstiver | | | |
| Biochemistry | Stephanie Kvas | | | |
| Biology | Jason Brown | | | |
| Biology | Aniruddho C. Hoque | | | |
| Biology | Eridan Pereira | 6:00 | | |
| Biology | Sonja Teichert | 6:00 | | Alt. D. Styranko |
| Biology | Mathew Vankoughnett | 6:00 | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Erden Ertorer | | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Corey Smith | 6:00 | | |
| Board of Governors | Jonathan Berg | | | |
| Business (Ph.D) | Foad Hassanmirzaei | | | |
| Business (Ph.D) | Heather Spiegel | | | |
| Chemistry | Joshua Byers | | | |
| Chemistry | Jessica Dechene | 6:00 | | |
| Chemistry | Tetyana Levchenko | | | |
| Chemistry | Radu Racovita | | | |
| Classical Studies | Daniel Levy | | | |
| Comp. Lit | Anirban Halder | | | |
| Computer Science | Andrew DeLong | 6:13 | | |
| Computer Science | Md. Nazrul Islam | 6:15 | | |
| Computer Science | Gaston Keller | | | |
| Computer Science | Vadim Mazalov | 6:00 | | |
| CSD | Nimrit Grewal | 6:00 | | |
| CSD | Bonnie Lampe | | | |
| CSD | Silvana Rotulo | 6:00 | | |
| Disabilities Commissioner | Chelsea Mohler | | | |
| Earth Sciences | Saralyn Horvath | 6:00 | | Alt. C. Cupelli |
| Earth Sciences | Sam Russell | | | |
| Earth Sciences | Reynold Sukara | | | |

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| Economics | Jacob Wibe | | | |
| Education | Jensen R. Caughlin | | | |
| Education | Erica Pridoehl | 6:10 | | |
| Education | Magdalena Stepien | | | |
| Education | Zheng Zhang | | | |
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Alassuity | | | |
| Engineering Science | Reza Azarderakhsh | | | |
| Engineering Science | Stephen Black | 6:15 | | |
| Engineering Science | Mohamed El Marassi | 6:08 | | |
| Engineering Science | Mohamed El Semelawy | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Elatar | | | |
| Engineering Science | Abdullah Hafiz | 6:00 | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Hamada | | | |
| Engineering Science | Md. Yahia Hussain | 6:05 | | |
| Engineering Science | Chowdhury Jubayer | 6:00 | | |
| Engineering Science | Mehran Mozaffari Kermani | 6:00 | | Alt. R. vander Zanden |
| Engineering Science | Kai Pisters | | | |
| Engineering Science | Md. Jahidur Rahman | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Soliman | | | |
| Engineering Science | Islam Soliman | 6:25 | | |
| Engineering Science | Mostafa Zaman | 6:00 | | |
| English | Sally Colwell | | | |
| English | Kevin Godbout | | | |
| English | Erica Leighton | | | |
| English | Sherry Thompson | | | |
| Environment & Sustainability | Jean-Louis Charette | | | |
| Epidemiology & Biostats | Candi Flynn | 6:05 | | |
| Epidemiology & Biostats | Sabrina Youash | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - President | Duncan Sutherland | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - Speaker | Alison Braley | | | |
| Executive - VP Academic | Natalie Szudy | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - VP External | Saidur Chowdhury | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - VP Finance | Jordan Harel | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - VP St. Services | Christopher Hum | 6:00 | | |
| Family Medicine | vacant | | | |
| Food & Nutrition | Jenille Hutchinson | | | |
| French & Linguistics | Michelle Andrighetti | | | |
| French & Linguistics | Traci Wai | | | |
| Geography | Matt Maltby | | | |

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| Geography | Richard Sadler | | | |
| Global Film Culture | Adam Szymanski | | | |
| GTA Union Representative | Reza Azarderakhsh | | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Kristen Bishop | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Lizebeth Cox | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Christine Cullion | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Charity Davy | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Sarah Woolmore-Goodwin | 6:00 | | |
| Hisp Studies | vacant | | | |
| History | Randy Kissack | 6:15 | | |
| History | Adam Rochweg | | | |
| History | vacant | | | |
| Journalism | Lauren O'Neil | | | |
| Kinesiology | Stefanie De Jesus | | | no signature |
| Kinesiology | Casey Gray | 6:00 | | |
| Kinesiology | Carly McKay | 6:00 | | |
| Kinesiology | Jacqueline Simatovic | 6:00 | | |
| L&IS-M | Gary Collins | | | |
| L&IS-M | Katie Granton | 6:00 | | |
| L&IS-M | Karen Hine | | | |
| L&IS-M | Gary Jermy | | | |
| L&IS-M | Stefan Todoroff | | | |
| L&IS-M | Monica Rhee | 6:00 | | |
| L&IS-PhD | Lucia C. Serantes | | | |
| Law | Scott Armstrong | 6:00 | | |
| Mathematics | Mohammad Hassenzadeh | | | |
| Media Studies | Kyle Asquith | 6:00 | | |
| Media Studies | Maeghan Pirie | | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Udunna Anazodo | | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Timothy Yeung | | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Geoffrey Zeni | | | |
| Microbiology & Immunology | Matt Rytelewski | | | |
| Microbiology & Immunology | Jessica Tong | | | |
| Music | Leigh Allen | | | |
| Music | Richard English | 6:00 | | |
| Music | Michelle Garlough | | | |
| Music | vacant | | | |
| Neuroscience | Iman Janemi | | | |
| Neuroscience | vacant | | | |
| Nursing | vacant | | | |
| Nursing | vacant | | | |

| Represents (Dept) | Name | IN | OUT | Notes |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Occupational Therapy | Kevin Li | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Val MacIntyre | 6:00 | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Laura Mee | 6:00 | | |
| Occupational Therapy | William Tam | | | |
| Orthodontics | vacant | | | |
| Pathology | Christina Yang | | | |
| Philosophy | Mallorie Malone | 6:00 | | |
| Philosophy | Nicolas McGinnis | 6:00 | | |
| Physical Therapy | Stephanie Cornell | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Kelsey Maxymyshyn | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Stephanie Mills | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Chris Statten | | | |
| Physiology and Pharm. | Kim Beaucage | 6:00 | | |
| Physiology and Pharm. | Jessica Osumek | | | |
| Physiology and Pharm. | Ryan Shugg | 6:00 | | |
| Physiology and Pharm. | Sonia Volante | | | |
| Political Science | Robert Maciel | 6:00 | | |
| Political Science | Chad Pilkington | 6:00 | | |
| Psychology | Caroline Bennett-AbuAyyash | | | |
| Psychology | Paula Brochu | | | |
| Psychology | Pralle Kriengwatana | | | |
| Psychology | Neil McMillan | | | |
| Public Administration | Carolina Oteiza | | | |
| Senate | Jonathan Berge | | | |
| Senate | Jenny Jiang | | | |
| Senate | Brent Sherar | | | |
| Senate | Rick Telfer | | | |
| Social Work | Blaire Courville | | | |
| Sociology | Julie Peters | | | |
| Sociology | Victoria Sit | | | |
| Stats & Actuarial Sciences | Paul Nguyen | | | |
| Stats & Actuarial Sciences | vacant | | | |
| Theology | vacant | | | |
| Theory & Criticism | vacant | | | |
| Theory & Criticism | vacant | | | |
| Visual Arts | vacant | | | |
| Visual Arts | vacant | | | |
| Women's Studies | Elizabeth Leinveer | | | |

SOGS Council Attendance Report
July 22, 2010
Quorum NOT met

| Represents (Dept) | Name | IN | OUT | Note |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Anatomy & Cell Biology | TaeEun Ahn | | | |
| Anatomy & Cell Biology | Luis Quail | | | |
| Anthropology | Alyson Jaagumagi | | | |
| Anthropology | Dina Najjar | | | |
| Applied Mathematics | Susanna Hug | | | |
| Applied Mathematics | Walid Mnif | | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Robbie Halonen | | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Bushra Hussain | 6:00 | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Draco Szathmary | | | |
| Biochemistry | Kathryn Garside | | | |
| Biochemistry | Ben Kleinstiver | | | |
| Biochemistry | Stephanie Kvas | | | |
| Biology | Jason Brown | 6:00 | | |
| Biology | Aniruddho C. Hoque | | | |
| Biology | Eridan Pereira | 6:15 | | |
| Biology | Sonja Teichert | | | Not signed |
| Biology | Mathew Vankoughnett | 6:00 | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Erden Ertorer | | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Corey Smith | 6:00 | | |
| Board of Governors | Jonathan Berg | | | |
| Business (Ph.D) | Foad Hassanmirzaei | | | |
| Business (Ph.D) | Heather Spiegel | | | |
| Chemistry | Joshua Byers | | | |
| Chemistry | Jessica Dechene | 6:00 | | |
| Chemistry | Tetyana Levchenko | 6:05 | | |
| Chemistry | Radu Racovita | | | Not signed |
| Classical Studies | Daniel Levy | | | |
| Comp. Lit | Anirban Halder | | | |
| Computer Science | Beth Locke | | | |
| Computer Science | Andrew Delong | | | |
| Computer Science | Taha Kowsari | | | |
| Computer Science | Vadim Mazalov | 6:00 | | |
| CSD | Nimrit Grewal | | | |
| CSD | Bonnie Lampe | | | |
| CSD | Silvana Rotulo | | | |
| Disabilities Commissioner | Chelsea Mohler | | | |
| Earth Sciences | Saralyn Horvath | | | |
| Earth Sciences | Sam Russell | | | |
| Earth Sciences | Reynold Sukara | | | |
| Economics | Jacob Wibe | | | |
| Education | Jensen R. Caughlin | | | |
| Education | Erica Pridoehl | | | |
| Education | Magdalena Stepien | | | |
| Education | Zheng Zhang | | | |

| Represents (Dept) | Name | IN | OUT | Note |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|------|
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Education | vacant | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Alassuity | | | |
| Engineering Science | Reza Azarderakhsh | | | |
| Engineering Science | Stephen Black | | | |
| Engineering Science | Mohamed El Marassi | | | |
| Engineering Science | Mohamed El Semelawy | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Elatar | | | |
| Engineering Science | Abdullah Hafiz | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Hamada | | | |
| Engineering Science | Md. Yahia Hussain | | | |
| Engineering Science | Chowdhury Jubayer | | | |
| Engineering Science | Mehran Mozaffari Kermani | | | |
| Engineering Science | Kai Pisters | 6:10 | | |
| Engineering Science | Md. Jahidur Rahman | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Soliman | | | |
| Engineering Science | Islam Soliman | | | |
| Engineering Science | Mostafa Zaman | | | |
| English | Sally Colwell | | | |
| English | Kevin Godbout | | | |
| English | Erica Leighton | | | |
| English | Sherry Thompson | | | |
| Environment & Sustainability | Jean-Louis Charette | | | |
| Epidemiology & Biostats | Candi Flynn | | | |
| Epidemiology & Biostats | Sabrina Youash | | | |
| Executive - President | Duncan Sutherland | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - Speaker | Alison Braley | | | |
| Executive - VP Academic | Natalie Szudy | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - VP External | Saidur Chowdhury | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - VP St. Services | Christopher Hum | | | |
| Family Medicine | vacant | | | |
| Food & Nutrition | Jenille Hutchinson | | | |
| French & Linguistics | Paul Kim | | | |
| French & Linguistics | Traci Wai | | | |
| Geography | Matt Maltby | 6:00 | | |
| Geography | Richard Sadler | | | |
| Global Film Culture | Adam Szymanski | | | |
| GTA Union Representative | Reza Azarderakhsh | | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Kristen Bishop | | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Lizabeth Cox | | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Charity Davy | | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Amanda McIntyre | | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Sarah Woolmore-Goodwin | | | |
| Hisp Studies | vacant | | | |
| History | Randy Kissack | | | |
| History | Adam Rochweg | | | |
| History | vacant | | | |

| Represents (Dept) | Name | IN | OUT | Note |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Journalism | Lauren O'Neil | | | |
| Kinesiology | Stephanie DeJesus | | | |
| Kinesiology | Cameron Edgar | | | |
| Kinesiology | Chantelle Nielson | | | |
| Kinesiology | Alexandra Williams | 6:00 | | |
| L&IS-M | Gary Collins | | | |
| L&IS-M | Katie Granton | | | |
| L&IS-M | Karen Hine | | | |
| L&IS-M | Gary Jermy | | | |
| L&IS-M | Monica Rhee | | | |
| L&IS-M | Stefan Todoroff | | | |
| L&IS-PhD | Lucia C. Serantes | | | |
| Law | Scott Armstrong | | | |
| Mathematics | Mohammad Hassenzadeh | | | |
| Media Studies | Kyle Asquith | | | |
| Media Studies | Maeghan Pirie | | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Udunna Anazodo | | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Timothy Yeung | 6:00 | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Geoffrey Zeni | | | |
| Microbiology & Immunology | Matt Rytelowski | | | |
| Microbiology & Immunology | Jessica Tong | | | |
| Music | Leigh Allen | | | |
| Music | Richard English | | | |
| Music | Michelle Garlough | | | |
| Music | vacant | | | |
| Neuroscience | Iman Janemi | | | |
| Neuroscience | vacant | | | |
| Nursing | vacant | | | |
| Nursing | vacant | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Kevin Li | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Val MacIntyre | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Laura Mee | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | William Tam | | | |
| Orthodontics | vacant | | | |
| Pathology | Christina Yang | | | |
| Philosophy | Mallorie Malone | 6:20 | | |
| Philosophy | Nicolas McGinnis | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Stephanie Cornell | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Kelsey Maxymyshyn | | | |
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| Psychology | Caroline Bennett-AbuAyyash | | | Not signed |

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| Psychology | Paula Brochu | | | |
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| Senate | Rick Telfer | | | |
| Social Work | Blaire Courville | | | |
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| Visual Arts | vacant | | | |
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| VP Finance | Jordan Harel | 6:55 | | |
| Women's Studies | Elizabeth Leinveer | | | |

SOGS Council Attendance Report August 5, 2010

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| Anatomy & Cell Biology | TaeEun Ahn | | | |
| Anatomy & Cell Biology | Luis Quail | | | |
| Anthropology | Alyson Jaagumagi | 6:00 | | |
| Anthropology | Dina Najjar | | | |
| Applied Mathematics | Susanna Hug | 6:00 | | |
| Applied Mathematics | Walid Mnif | | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Robbie Halonen | | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Bushra Hussain | | | |
| Astronomy & Physics | Draco Szathmary | | | |
| Biochemistry | Kathryn Garside | | | |
| Biochemistry | Ben Kleinstiver | | | |
| Biochemistry | Stephanie Kvas | 6:00 | | |
| Biology | Jason Brown | | | |
| Biology | Aniruddho C. Hoque | | | |
| Biology | Eridan Pereira | | | |
| Biology | Sonja Teichert | 6:10 | | No signature |
| Biology | Mathew Vankoughnett | | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Erden Ertorer | 6:00 | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | Corey Smith | 6:00 | | |
| Board of Governors | Jonathan Berg | | | |
| Business (Ph.D) | Foad Hassanmirzaei | 6:00 | | |
| Business (Ph.D) | Heather Spiegel | | | |
| Chemistry | Joshua Byers | | | |
| Chemistry | Jessica Dechene | | | |
| Chemistry | Tetyana Levchenko | 6:05 | | |
| Chemistry | Radu Racovita | | | No signature |
| Classical Studies | Daniel Levy | | | |
| Comp. Lit | Anirban Halder | | | |
| Computer Science | Beth Locke | 6:00 | | |
| Computer Science | Andrew Delong | 6:10 | | |
| Computer Science | Taha Kowsari | 6:00 | | |
| Computer Science | Vadim Mazalov | | | |
| CSD | Nimrit Grewal | | | |
| CSD | Bonnie Lampe | | | |
| CSD | Silvana Rotulo | | | |
| Disabilities Commissioner | vacant | | | |
| Earth Sciences | Saralyn Horvath | | | |
| Earth Sciences | Sam Russell | | | |
| Earth Sciences | Reynold Sukara | 6:00 | | |
| Economics | Jacob Wibe | | | |
| Education | Jensen R. Caughlin | | | |
| Education | Erica Pridoehl | 6:00 | | |
| Education | Magdalena Stepien | | | |
| Education | Zheng Zhang | | | |
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| Education | vacant | | | |
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| Engineering Science | Ahmed Alassuity | | | |
| Engineering Science | Reza Azarderakhsh | | | |
| Engineering Science | Stephen Black | 6:05 | | |
| Engineering Science | Mohamed El Marassi | | | |
| Engineering Science | Mohamed El Semelawy | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Elatar | | | |
| Engineering Science | Abdullah Hafiz | | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Hamada | | | |
| Engineering Science | Md. Yahia Hussain | | | |
| Engineering Science | Chowdhury Jubayer | | | |
| Engineering Science | Mehran Mozaffari Kermani | | | |
| Engineering Science | Kai Pisters | 6:00 | | |
| Engineering Science | Md. Jahidur Rahman | 6:00 | | |
| Engineering Science | Ahmed Soliman | | | |
| Engineering Science | Islam Soliman | | | |
| Engineering Science | Mostafa Zaman | | | |
| English | Sally Colwell | | | |
| English | Kevin Godbout | | | |
| English | Erica Leighton | 6:10 | | |
| English | Sherry Thompson | | | |
| Environment & Sustainability | Jean-Louis Charette | | | |
| Epidemiology & Biostats | Candi Flynn | | | |
| Epidemiology & Biostats | Sabrina Youash | | | |
| Executive - President | Duncan Sutherland | | | No time |
| Executive - Speaker | Philip Baiden | 6:00 | | |
| Executive - VP Academic | Natalie Szudy | | | |
| Executive - VP External | Saidur Chowdhury | 6:05 | | |
| Executive - VP St. Services | Christopher Hum | | | |
| Family Medicine | vacant | | | |
| Food & Nutrition | Jenille Hutchinson | | | |
| French & Linguistics | Paul Kim | | | |
| French & Linguistics | Traci Wai | | | |
| Geography | Matt Maltby | 6:00 | | |
| Geography | Richard Sadler | | | |
| Global Film Culture | Adam Szymanski | | | |
| GTA Union Representative | Reza Azarderakhsh | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Kristen Bishop | | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Lizebeth Cox | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Charity Davy | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Amanda McIntyre | 6:00 | | |
| Health & Rehab Sciences | Sarah Woolmore-Goodwin | | | |
| Hisp Studies | vacant | | | |
| History | Randy Kissack | 6:00 | | |
| History | Adam Rochweg | | | |
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| Journalism | Lauren O'Neil | | | |
| Kinesiology | Stephanie DeJesus | 6:00 | | |

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| Kinesiology | Cameron Edgar | 6:00 | | |
| Kinesiology | Chantelle Nielson | 6:00 | | |
| Kinesiology | Alexandra Williams | 6:00 | | |
| L&IS-M | Gary Collins | | | |
| L&IS-M | Katie Granton | | | |
| L&IS-M | Karen Hine | | | |
| L&IS-M | Gary Jermy | | | |
| L&IS-M | Monica Rhee | | | |
| L&IS-M | Stefan Todoroff | | | |
| L&IS-PhD | Lucia C. Serantes | 6:45 | | Alt. |
| Law | Scott Armstrong | | | |
| Mathematics | Mohammad Hassenzadeh | | | |
| Media Studies | Kyle Asquith | 6:00 | | |
| Media Studies | Maeghan Pirie | | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Udunna Anazodo | | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Timothy Yeung | 6:00 | | |
| Medical Biophysics | Geoffrey Zeni | 6:00 | | |
| Microbiology & Immunology | Matt Rytelewski | | | |
| Microbiology & Immunology | Jessica Tong | | | |
| Music | Leigh Allen | | | |
| Music | Richard English | | | |
| Music | Michelle Garlough | | | |
| Music | vacant | | | |
| Neuroscience | Iman Janemi | | | |
| Neuroscience | vacant | | | |
| Nursing | vacant | | | |
| Nursing | vacant | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Kevin Li | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Val MacIntyre | | | |
| Occupational Therapy | Laura Mee | 6:00 | | |
| Occupational Therapy | William Tam | | | |
| Orthodontics | vacant | | | |
| Pathology | Christina Yang | | | |
| Philosophy | Mallorie Malone | 6:00 | | |
| Philosophy | Nicolas McGinnis | | | |
| Physical Therapy | Stephanie Cornell | | | |
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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)

**SOGS COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

July 22, 2010
6:00 pm
UCC Room 66

Interim Speaker: Philip Baiden

Quorum not met - meeting disbanded.

SOGS COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

August 5, 2010

6:03 pm

UCC Room 66

Interim Speaker: Philip Baiden

Secretary: Olga Sauer

1. Ratification of Agenda

Agenda ratified

Moved – C. Pilkington (

Seconded – D. Sutherland (President)

2. Announcements

- a) Welcome to all Councillors to the SOGS Emergency Council Meeting, with a special welcome to new Councillors.
- b) Summer quorum is 22.
- c) Next meeting will be in UCC room 66 on August 26.
- d) A bus pass distributor is needed – contact SOGS if interested.
- e) Bus passes will be available starting August 23. Be sure to bring UWO Student Card. Bus passes cannot be issued to anyone other than the person whose face is on the student card.
- f) SOGS Summer Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm and on Fridays the office closes at 12 noon.
- g) 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. Election of Speaker

John Natar made a brief statement before being acclaimed Speaker.

4. Election of Disabilities Commissioner

Sarah Cloutier and Chelsea Mohlner made brief presentations. Chelsea was elected.

Ballots are to be destroyed.

5. Election of Pride Commissioner

Devon Boyd was unable to attend, but was acclaimed Pride Commissioner, if he is still interested.

Christopher Hum, VP Student Services presented a slide show outlining some of the activities grad students have taken advantage of.

Meeting adjourned – 6:37 pm

Moved – C. Pilkington

Seconded – E. Leighton (English)

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
August 2010 Report to Council
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Dear Councillors,

Student Services Committee

The student services committee met and elected Mike Tithecott, USC President, as chair. The committee oversees non-tuition related compulsory ancillary fees levied by the University on the student body. A second meeting is scheduled for August 24th.

School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

I will be meeting with SGPS August 26th for an overview of moving the external scholarship payments from Human Resources to the Student System. This will affect individuals with an NSERC, SSHRC, OGS and OGSST award. Individuals with this scholarship type will be paid once at the beginning of every term. Additionally, tuition will be deducted directly from the scholarship.

Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario

Members of the executive, including myself, will be attending the CFS-Ontario AGM. It is my hope that we will be able to determine the date of the defederation referendum. The letter was picked up by the CFS June 24th and since then no reply has been issued.

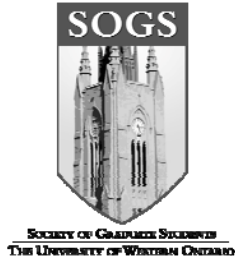
Orientation Meetings

In early September I will be attending orientation meetings for incoming graduate students, both domestic and international. This is an excellent opportunity to recruit new graduate students to join SOGS committees and council.

July Council

While quorum was not met for the July meeting, I would like to thank everyone who attending the emergency meeting to elect our speaker and commissioners. A report was included in the July package, which is an appendix in the current package. I encourage you to read all the July reports as well.

Duncan Sutherland
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VP Academic
August 2010 Report to Council
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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 orientation workshops. 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 upcoming edition is currently in the final stages of preparation. The committee is aiming to have the edition online in September. I would like to acknowledge the work of the committee members in the creation of this upcoming edition.

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
August 2010 Report to Council
Saidur Chowdhury (sogs.external@uwo.ca)
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Hello Councillors:

Thanks. Here is an update of my portfolio.

1) GSIC

Graduate Student Issues Committee is very important committee for our members. The purposes of this committee are 1) to deal with all grad-related policy, research and different issues, 2) to monitor, assess, and respond to issues pertaining to the quality and accessibility of graduate Education and 3) to keep graduate students informed of these issues. If you think any grad- related existing policies should be reviewed or revised, you may contact with any of our members or me. Please visit <http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/Committee/GSIC.html> for more information about 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. Committee members will meet in September, 2010 to discuss on-going project.

2) Equity Issues Committee

Committee met on 13th August, 2010. Committee discussed on-going projects.

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

3) CFS

The CFS Ontario 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19 to Sunday, August 22, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Markham, Ontario. I'll let you know the meeting- details in my September Council report.

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. As you may know, members of the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) are also members of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). One of the benefits of CFS membership is the International Student Identity Card (ISIC), available to full-time members free of charge. ISIC will be distributed at our campus on 20th, 27th and 28th September, 2010. Please check our SOGS website for more information. If you are unable to attend on these dates, graduate students can come to the SOGS office (UCC 260) to collect ISIC card through out the year.

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

Cheers

Saidur R Chowdhury

VP External Affairs & Communications

Please find one important media release from CFS

1) Students and teachers object to Access Copyright cash grab
Canadian Federation of Students

Thursday, August 12, 2010
OTTAWA--

Students and teachers say that a tariff being proposed by Access Copyright – an organisation that licenses literary works to businesses and public institutions – would infringe privacy rights and burden students with tens of millions of dollars in new fees each year.

Access Copyright proposed the tariff to Canada's Copyright Board this spring – the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) filed a joint objection yesterday. The Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic will be representing the CFS and CAUT before the Copyright Board.

"The excessive fees sought by Access Copyright would unfairly burden students and the public post-secondary system," said Dave Molenhuis, National Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "The proposal treats students as cash cows and ignores the fair dealing rights granted through the Copyright Act and affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada."

The proposal would license the reproduction of copyrighted works at participating post-secondary institutions from 2011 to 2014. Under the current tariff, institutions pay a flat fee of \$3.39 per full-time equivalent student, plus ten cents per page copied for use in a course-pack. The proposal would eliminate the per-use fee, and impose a flat fee of \$35 for college students and \$45 for university students - an unjustified increase of between 350 and 400%.

In addition to increasing the amount of the tariff, the proposal would also greatly expand its ambit and require institutions to provide Access Copyright direct and unfettered access to all property, digital or physical, including institutional e-mail accounts, in order to surveil the use of literary works.

"Here we have a licensing agency asking for sweeping new powers that would require institutions grant unfettered entrance to universities and colleges, including direct access to faculty, librarian and student e-mail accounts, to monitor what's being used," said Paul Jones, a CAUT copyright expert.

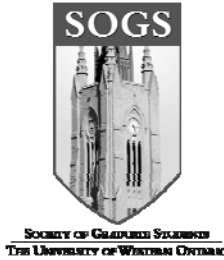
"The tariff overreaches to the extent that it attempts to redefine copying to include simply posting a hyperlink to an already publicly available online article, and to double dip by charging for the use of works already paid for by the institution," he added.

The CFS is Canada's largest student organisation, uniting more than one-half million students in all ten provinces. CAUT is the national voice of more than 65,000 academic and general staff at 121 universities and colleges across Canada.

Related site: http://www.cfs-fcee.ca/CAUT-CFS_Objection_to_Access_Copyright_Tariff-2010-08-11.pdf

Contact: Noah Stewart, Canadian Federation of Students

Tel: 613-232-7394



VP Finance
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Dear Councillors,

This month, I have been doing research into obtaining direct deposit for employees of the Grad Club. Currently, GC employees are issued paper cheques following each pay period. Aside from the increased convenience they would enjoy, having employee earnings directly deposited into their bank accounts is also a step forward with respect to SOGS' sustainability initiatives – specifically regarding the reduction in paper utilization and consumption that would result from the switch. I plan to bring forward this initiative to the GCC later this month.

The 2009-10 audit is in the final stages of completion. The final audit report will be presented at that time.

I am also happy to announce that a total of \$50,000 was distributed in bursaries this month. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Finally, we are also moving closer to the hiring of a part-time receptionist for the SOGS office. How this will affect the finances of the Society will be discussed at the next finance meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best of luck in the coming school year.

Sincerely,

Jordan



VP Student Services
August 2010 Report to Council
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Dear Councillors;

The new fun generation of SOGS has its game face on! The VP Student Services, and our happy gang of organizers, is happy to announce the following items.

Open Mic and Poetry Slam at the Grad Club: We now have a regular cadre of singer song writers, blues musicians, folk singers, and highly talented novice musicians who are ‘cutting their teeth’ weekly. We have hosted an Open Mic every week this summer. Some of our volunteers have gotten together to organize a cooler filled potluck BBQ and corn roast. This event will be held weekly on Mondays in September.

Snakes and Ladders and Euchre Oh My: We will be incorporating a new component to the Open Mic – cards and board games. If you are looking to meet fellow grad students, this night of fun, board games, music, and ‘spirits’ is the place for you. Come and join. Teammates can be found at the venue. Games will be based on interest and announced weekly. Euchre will be played every week. Rumour has it that an International Crokinole Champion currently residing on campus.

Trail Ride: Register for our monthly trail ride on the “Society of Graduate Students of the University of Western Ontario” facebook page.

Beach Trip: One bright yellow school bus has been booked for Saturday, August 28th. The bus will depart for Grand Bend from Middlesex College (at the roundabout) at 8:45 am and will be leaving Grand Bend at 9:00 pm arriving in London approximately 10:00 pm in London with three drop-off spots in the city at the Sherwood Forest Mall, at Middlesex College, and downtown London. \$15.00 per person can be purchased at the SOGS office.

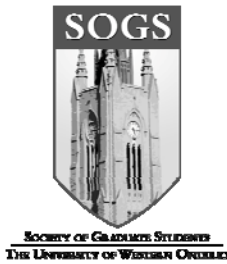
Orientation Committee: We are happy to announce that Jessica Dechene has completed her term as Chair. Thank you for all your hard work, Jessica. The handbook would not have been completed without you. We wish you the best of luck with your research.

The Orientation Committee’s recruitment campaign has been highly successful. Seven new members have submitted to serve as committee members and others to help with our events. All are welcome to join. We need your support to deliver high quality fun services to our graduate student community. The first orientation week celebration has been booked for Monday, September 20th at the Grad Club. If you would like to meet members of the incoming class of 2010/2011 and help them find their way on campus, please let us know. Help plan the September secret destination night, Halloween Party, and Winter 2011 Curling Bonspiel.

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

Warmest regards,

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



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

1) **Equity Committee Meeting**

On Friday, August 13, the Equity Committee met to discuss ways in which to promote this committee and equity to new students during orientation. It was suggested at the committee meeting that when planning events, it is important to recognize the diverse needs of UWO students. The committee discussed the possibility of that when society of graduate student events are advertised, a disclaimer could be included that notifies students who require accommodations may contact the event coordinator. The option was presented that if event staff cannot provide accommodations, the student could bring an attendant free of charge. This is also the policy that is currently being discussed with Western's Ontarians with Disabilities Accessibility Committee.

2) **Accessible Crossings: Audible Pedestrian Signals and Wheelchair access curbs on Campus**

The university has placed audible pedestrian signals and accessible curbs at the intersection of Perth Drive and University Drive; the entrance at the Richmond main gates to UWO is currently being worked on.

The intersections of Western and Sarnia, Western and Lambton, and the intersection in front of support services are city jurisdiction. This means UWO staff cannot facilitate this process. As city budget is limited, a time line has not been provided outlining when the above intersections will be made fully accessible. As these are major intersections that students frequently cross, the Equity Committee discussed the option of creating a petition to bring awareness of this safety issue to students on campus that interested students could sign. The wording of this petition is being developed by the chair of the Equity Committee and the Commissionaire for Students with Disabilities. The goal is to have this petition available for September.



SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Pride Commissioner
August 2010 Report to Council
Devon Boyd (sogs.pride@uwo.ca)
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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 | | |
| 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

Executive Reports – July 2010

President - July 2010 Report to Council

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

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 Rodriguez, 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 Sutherland
President
Society of Graduate Students
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VP Academic - July 2010 Report to Council

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

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@uwo.ca

Cheers

Saidur R Chowdhury

VP External Affairs & Communications

VP Finance - July 2010 Report to Council

Dear Councillors,

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

Dear Councillors;

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 sogs.services@uwo.ca.

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

Appendix B

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 | >High school | High school | Some post secondary education | 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

Appendix C

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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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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