

SOGS COUNCIL MEETING

Approved MINUTES

November 25, 2010

6:10 – 7:45 pm

UCC Room 56

Speaker: John Nater

Recording secretary: Olga Sauer

1. Ratification of Agenda

Addition of Speaker's Ruling

Agenda ratified as amended. (Anis/Sutherland)

2. Guest Speakers – CFS Representatives –Sandra Hudson, Chair CFS-Ontario and Joel Duff

3. Announcements

- a. Welcome to all Councillors to the November SOGS Council Meeting. I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new Councillors. Councillor Packages are available at the front if you haven't already received one. Read the information in the package to familiarize yourself with the running of the Council meeting. Bring the binder with you to every meeting.
- b. Make sure that you sign in every evening with both the time when you arrive and your signature. If you leave before the meeting is adjourned, you must indicate the correct time on the Council attendance sheet. If you leave at the end of the meeting you do not need to sign out, but leave the cards in the front.
- c. The SOGS office has hired two graduate student receptionists. If there are issues of a sensitive nature, please continue to direct them to either Olga or Raquel.
- d. Next meeting will be in this room on January 27 in this room.
- e. This year's quorum is 30.

4. Reception and Ratification of the SOGS Council Minutes October 28, 2010

Minutes received and ratified (McIntyre/Khan). Carried

5. Speaker's Ruling

John Nater read in his ruling that had been requested. (Appendix B)

6. Orders of the Day

a. Motions arising from the President

none

b. Motions arising from Other Committees

none

c. Other Motions

Submitted by John Magyar (Law):

1. BIRT SOGS draft a formal letter addressed to the UWO Board of Governors requesting them to rescind the Access Copyright Fee Increase that went into effect this fall term, and to refund the fees collected which are over and above the FTE charges specified in the previous agreement.

Moved: John Magyar

Seconded: Désirée Lamoureux

passed

Submitted by John J. Magyar (Law):

2. That SOGS express, on behalf of graduate students, dissatisfaction with the entire Access Copyright regime because it delivers very little value and could have adverse consequences based on the terms that Access Copyright has requested in its proposed tariff filed with the Copyright Board.

Moved: John Magyar

Seconded: Désirée Lamoureux

passed

d. Tabled Motions

7. Executive/Committee/Councillor Reports

a. President

In Camera

For - 31

Against – 13

Abstained – 32

Out of Camera

For – 35

Against – 8

Abstained – 22

SOGS has hired two part-time receptionists. They have started and are progressing well.

All scholarships, with the exception of CIHR, will now be listed on transcripts. They are still working on adding CIHR.

J. Nethery (Public Administration) – is there any news post-strike? (A) Everything was ratified.

b. VP Academic

Nominations for GSTA fall term half courses will close on December 20.

Western Research Forum will be held on Saturday, February 26 at the Wave.

c. VP External & Communications

Congratulations extended to UWOFA, UWOSA and GTA Union for ratifying offers.

GSIC didn't meet quorum. In the past committee had been very active; new

members needed. GSIC elected non-executive members to attend CFS meeting.

Equity Committee will meet with the CFS in December.

CFS media releases should be read.

SOGS Website has been updated. Newsletter is published monthly; news should be sent to sogs.external@uwo.ca for posting in the Update.

d. VP Finance

Goblet of Knowledge has been found.

Sustainability committee has undertaken the assessment.

Bursary Committee will meet to discuss applications. \$30,000 OSOTF and \$5,000 OOP is available.

- e. VP Student Services
Everything is moving along smoothly.
- f. SOGS Commissioners' Reports
Disabilities Commissioner
Chelsea Molner presented her report. She asked for support of the two petitions for audible traffic signals and curb blending.
- g. Councillor Reports
none
- h. Senator and Board of Governor Reports
Rick Telfer attended the Senate meeting where mostly undergraduate issues were discussed. Appraisals of graduate programs will be conducted.

9. Elections – Committees (Internal & External)

Academic Committee

Mathew Vankaughnett

Radu Racovita

GSTA Committee

Amanda Khan

BCC

Godfred Chongatera

Moved: S. Anis (Philosophy)

Seconded: S. Teichert (Biology)

Carried

10. New Business/Open Forum

Rick Telfer requested a Speaker's Ruling on

1. status of ex-officio members at Council
2. validity of in camera deferral of motion

11. Adjournment – 7:45 pm

Moved – D. Sutherland

Seconded - Reagen Unrau