

SOGS COUNCIL MEETING
Approved MINUTES
April 28, 2011
6:05 – 8:15 pm
UCC Room 56

Speaker: John Nater (Interim Speaker – Dan Dechene)
Recording secretary: Olga Sauer

- 1) **Dan Dechene** introduced himself as the BCC Chair and Interim speaker for the beginning of the meeting until such time as John is able to attend.
- 2) **Ratification of Agenda**
Reports from Councillors, Senator and Board of Governors are to be moved to immediately after reception and ratification of minutes.
Amended agenda ratified
- 3) **Announcements**
 - a) Welcome to all Councillors to the SOGS April Council Meeting with a special welcome to new Councillors. There are new Councillor packages available.
 - b) Quorum is 30.
 - c) When addressing Council, Councillors are requested to stand up and speak loudly.
 - d) Please complete the survey that was distributed and leave at the front of the room when completed.
 - e) Light refreshments available at the front of the room.
 - f) Council meetings for the summer term are as follows:

May 26	UCC 37	normal
June 23	UCC 56	early to accommodate long weekend
July 21	UCC 56	early to accommodate long weekend
August 25	UCC 56	normal
 - g) Starting May 6, SOGS Summer Office hours will be Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm and Friday 9 am – noon. The office will close at noon on Fridays.
 - h) Bus passes for the summer term are available. Remember you must have your student card. We apologize for the disruption caused by the SGPS server crash.
 - i) Subsidy applications are due tomorrow at 4 pm in the SOGS Office.
 - j) Remember you **MUST** sign in at the beginning of Council with your signature and time and if you leave before the meeting is 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.
- 4) **Reception and Ratification of the SOGS Council Minutes March 31, 2011**
Minutes received and ratified.
- 5) **Access Copyright Update from John Magyar**
John elaborated on his written report.
Reagan Unrau (Earth Sciences) Thanked John for his hard work on behalf of all graduate students.
John also requested, on behalf of GSIC, that any area that is having water problems, should contact GSIC for that a more complete picture of the water situation on campus can be formulated.

Sustainability Committee Report
Sonja presented her written report. Rick Telfer and Jordan Harel thanked Sonja for her hard work on the committee, as the Chair.
- 6) **Elections**

VP Student Services
Désirée Lamoureux presented her platform (included as Appendix I).
Eric Sadowski presented his platform (included in April package).

VP External & Communications

Jahidur Rahman presented his platform

Kai Pisters sent his regrets. He was attending a conference in Ireland.

Désirée Lamoureux and Jahidur Rahman were elected.

MOTION: BIRT Council ratify the election results.

Moved: Duncan Sutherland

Seconded: Amanda Stuart-Ross

Carried

MOTION: BIRT the election ballots be destroyed.

Moved: Emerson Doyle

Seconded: Kevin Godbout

Carried

Bursaries & Subsidies Committee

Duncan Sutherland (Chemistry)

Bylaws & Constitution Committee

Christopher Hum (History)

Eric Sadowski (Health & Rehab Sciences)

Finance Committee

Duncan Sutherland (Chemistry)

Grad Club Committee

Duncan Sutherland (Chemistry)

Bridgett Valsamis (Neurosciences)

Graduate Student Issues Committee

Eric Sadowski (Health & Rehab Sciences)

Health Plan Committee

Christopher Hum (History)

Sustainability Committee

Eric Sadowski (Health & Rehab Sciences)

Duncan Sutherland (Chemistry)

Bridgett Valsamis (Neurosciences)

Jenna Allan (Engineering)

Working Group for Information Security

Anyone interested should contact the SOGS office.

Moved – Reagan Unrau

Seconded – Amanda Stuart-Ross

Carried

6) Orders of the Day

a) Motions arising from the President

Whereas the university is looking to expand graduate enrolment

Whereas SOGS has seen a 33% increase in graduate enrolment since 2006

Whereas funneling **all** official SOGS communication through a single VP is becoming unreasonable.

BIRT the BCC review the communication strategies of comparable Universities (GG13)

BIFRT the BCC submit a report to council outlining the communication strategies

observed and their recommendations (3)

BIFRT should the addition of a communications officer be necessary, both the BCC and the FC take steps to amend the bylaws and alter the budget, respectively, for the 2012-2013 academic year to accommodate the additional position(s).

Moved: Duncan Sutherland

Seconded: Amanda Stuart Ross

Carried

b) Motions arising from Other Committees

Following motions were omnibused:

Moved: Fiona Simpson

Seconded: Duncan Sutherland

Carried

BIRT the chairs of the Equity and GSIC committees receive their honoraria.

BIRT the chairs of the Finance, Grad Club, Sustainability and Bursary and Subsidies committees receive their honoraria.

BIRT the chairs of the Health Plan, and IGSIC committees receive their honoraria.

Moved: Amanda Stuart Ross

Seconded: Mary Eileen Wennekers

Carried

7) Executive Reports

Commissioner – Students with Disabilities

Chelsea outlined her activities for April.

Senators & Board of Governors

Rick Telfer reported that Senate has approved the tuition fees for next year. He voted against them.

President – Duncan Sutherland

Duncan presented his report and thanked the Executive for their hard work throughout the year.

VP Academic – Fiona Simpson

Fiona offered her report.

VP External – Saidur Chowdhury

Saidur is at the GG13 conference. If anyone has questions regarding his report, they should email him directly.

VP Finance – Jordan Harel

Jordan would like the BCC to investigate the possibility of having a Sustainability Commissioner.

VP Student Services – Christopher Hum

Chris thanked everyone for making his year a success.

8) New Business

Desiree informed Council of the Skills Development Seminars offered by CFS-Ontario and asked that anyone interested in attending should submit their name.

Adjourned – 8:05 pm

Moved – D. Sutherland

Seconded – R. Unrau

Carried