

SOGS COUNCIL MEETING

Approved MINUTES

July 21, 2011

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Speaker: Kevin Godbout

Recording secretary: Olga Sauer

1. Ratification of Agenda

Moved – E. Doyle

Seconded – S. Annis

Agenda ratified

2. Announcements

- a) Welcome to all Councillors to the SOGS July Council Meeting. I would like to extend a special welcome to new Councillors.

As the new speaker, and in recognition that many councillors may still be new to council, I will make a few brief points on debating motions and interruptions/cross-talk. I suggest that new councillors should review the current "*Robert's Rules at a Glance*;" I will prepare and include a revised version in the October council package. I encourage any councillor who has questions or desires clarification on *Robert's Rules*, SOGS bylaws or the constitution to speak with me and/or email me at sogs.speaker@uwo.ca.

On debating a motion (introductory to §4: 31-42, proper decorum §42: 373-386; see also Charts, Tables and Lists appendixes)

Please wait for the Speaker's recognition before speaking to a motion. When speaking, please raise your placard clearly and identify yourself. This is all to help make the minutes clear and accurate. Please speak either for or against the motion, or ask a question, and always do this through the Speaker. If you wish to amend the motion, please explain and present your amendment. A motion can be amended twice; council must debate and vote on the amendment before returning to the original motion. The mover and seconder to a motion get to speak first. After that, councillors can speak in turn once the speaker grants permission. Debate must be relevant to the motion on the floor. Councillors must not personally attack or directly critique another member of council. Member can speak twice to a motion on the floor; however, any other first-time speakers have priority. Council can move to limit or extend debate through a motion requiring a 2/3 majority vote; only "calling the question" can end debate.

On proper interruptions and intolerance of cross-talk (§42: 371-373)

The Speaker *does not tolerate* cross-talk at council and will, in any instance where it occurs, bring the assembly to order and restore the original councillor's right to the floor. Only under specific circumstances can a member interrupt another councillor who is speaking and has the floor. Motions to amend, refer or postpone a motion as well as calling a motion to question cannot interrupt someone who has the floor. A request, such as a "Point of information" can only interrupt someone who has the floor when that request requires the immediate attention of council. Councillors who try to use a "Point of information" as a means to impede others can be ruled out of order by the Speaker. The speaker rules on every "Point of order" (and "Point of personal privilege"). A member of council can appeal a ruling by the Speaker (or object to the consideration of a motion), which requires a 2/3 majority vote by council.

- b) Summer quorum is 22.

- c) Next meeting will be in this room on August 25th.
- d) Light refreshments are provided at tonight's Council meeting.
- e) The usual SOGS Summer Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm and on Fridays the office closes at 12 noon.
- f) The Grad Club Golf Tournament will be held on August 11th this year. Buy your ticket(s) before the event is sold out. The SOGS office will be closed on that day.
- 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. Reception and Ratification of the SOGS Council Minutes June 23, 2011

Two members of the Finance Committee were ratified at that meeting: Adnan Khan, Chowdhury Mohammad Jubayer.

Moved – E. Doyle

Seconded – C. Schulz

Minutes were received and ratified

4. Elections –

Finance – David Burty (French)

J. Nethery – Is there a cap on the Finance Committee membership? **(A-DJ)** No there is no cap, but if a member is not present, in person or by proxy, for two meetings they are no longer considered to be on the committee.

IGSIC – Amy Wuest (Philosophy)

Moved: S. Chowdhury

Seconded: A. Vyce

Carried

5. Orders of the Day

a. Motions arising from the President

- none

b. Motions arising from Other Committees

Health Plan Committee

BIRT SOGS Council approves the signing of a two (2) year contract with Plan E under the Fully Insured model, with the surplus sharing agreement, with an option for an additional one (1) year renewal.

Moved: Ahmed AbdElaziz (Engineering)

Seconded: R. Arsenault (Biology)

HPC Chair, Jenna Allan, presented the additional committee findings.

President Saidur Chowdhury informed council that a decision had to be made at this meeting.

S. Anis asked what the consequences will be if not decided today. **(A-SC)** Tuition fee bills will be wrong and there will be no plan for September.

R. Telfer asked if providers were asked for feedback regarding last month's presentation? Allan responded that the two providers were asked specific questions and that an unsolicited commentary was received from one of the providers yesterday at 5 pm. The commentary released confidential information from another university group. This called into question the security practices of this provider. UWO is very strict about privacy issues and there might be problems if we were to sign with them. Telfer said that a data set isn't considered private and he was not satisfied with the HPC report.

N. Jansen – if there is a deficit in the 2nd year, how would that affect premiums in the 3rd year?

Allan – the 2nd year rate is guaranteed, but the 3rd year will be up for negotiation.

F. Simpson – comment on practitioners. Allan – 25 practitioners in the London area (dental, vision, massage therapists, etc.) who will form part of a network, and have better rates for members. If practitioners from this network are used, there is a possibility of having 100% of the cost covered. (This depends on the arrangement made with Studentcare.)

C. Schulz – trip and tuition insurance – Allan – this is included at no additional cost to the plan.

R. Telfer – was a cost comparison done? What formulary is being used? – D. Dechene – everyone had the same formulary information.

R. Telfer – Moved that Council receive and review documents from Morneau the contentious sessions removed.

Seconded – S. Anis

D. Dechene – clarification

F. Simpson – against

K. Pisters - information

D. Jacques – against

R. Telfer – attempt to suppress information

G. Elias – go into camera, no minutes

D. Dechene – against

Question called – D. Sutherland

Seconded – J. Nethery

Yes – 40

No – 3

Abstained - 2

Motion vote:

Yes – 42

No – x

Abstained – 2 (Schulz/Vyce)

rejected

R. Telfer – move to committee of the whole

- disagreed that there was time pressure

E. Sadowski – asked if there was a conflict of interest – Telfer – said there was none

Discussion continued

J. Nethery – in favor of motion

D. Dechene – in favor

Question called – S. Chowdhury

Seconded – D. Sutherland

Yes – 36

No – 7

Abstained – 2 (Hamada, Milczarek)

Question called

Vote on Motion:

Yes – 45

No – 3

Abstained – 3 (Doyle, Anis, Schulz)

c. Other Motions

6. Executive/Committee/Councillor Reports

a. President, S. Chowdhury

Saidur had nothing additional to add to report.

b. VP Academic, Fiona Simpson

Joint Fund continues to accept applications for this year. Fiona encouraged early applications for next academic year.

c. VP External & Communications, J. Rahman

Jahidur reported that the GSIC survey should be ready for distribution by mid-August. Two letters were mailed out (Via Rail and Minister Milloy). Duane Jacques asked if the survey had been sent to the University Ethics committee for approval. This should be done prior to sending out such a survey.

d. VP Finance, J. Harel

Jordan reported that the Audit was going on at this time and he will present it to council as soon as possible.

Emerson Doyle asked when the Grad Club survey will be distributed? (A) in the fall along with the Sustainability survey.

Kai Pisters expressed a concern about too many surveys being sent to grad students this year.

e. VP Student Services, D. Lamoureux

Desiree reported that the BBQ and Sangria party was a big success. A good time was had by all. The Orientation Committee is now planning for the new academic year.

IGSIC organized two busses to go to Grand Bend on July 23. Everyone was pleased and everything went well. Plans are now beginning for the Fall term events.

The Health Plan Committee has been working hard at putting on the finishing touches to the new health plan.

f. SOGS Commissioners' Reports

- none

g. Councillor Reports

- none

h. Senator and Board of Governor Reports

- none

7. New Business/Open Forum

- none

Adjourned – 7:30 pm

Moved – D. Dechene

Seconded –

Unanimous