



SOGS Update



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The University of Western Ontario

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Grad Club

**Try a Grad Club
Margarita, Daiquiri
or Smoothie
Ask your bartender
for your favorite
flavour.**

Trivia Night

Every Tuesday @ 8pm.
Mill St Open Mic
Wednesdays, 8pm - 11pm.

The Legend Rick McGhie

Thursdays, 8pm-12am.
Free parking after 8 pm.

Hours of Operation:

**Monday to Friday
8:00 am to 12:00 am
Saturday
11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday closed.**



Presidential Nominations

On February 6, the floor will open to receive nominations for the position of President of SOGS for 2012-13. Nomination forms will be available from February 6-17 from the SOGS Speaker (sogs.speaker@uwo.ca) and from the SOGS office (Monday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm). More information for the position is available on the SOGS website (uwo.ca/sogs/About/Bylaws201105.pdf).

SOGS AGM

SOGS will hold its AGM on February 9 at 5 pm in Health Sciences Building, Room 35. The information package will be available on February 2 and will be distributed to all SOGS members. Please try to attend - your voice is very important.

Spring 2012 Senate Election

The Senate will hold elections during Feb. 7-Fe. 8, 2012 to elect student members in accordance with the provisions of The University of Western Ontario Act (1982). Nominations are now open for

January Trivia Contest Question

Each month SOGS hosts a trivia contest featuring information from our annual Dayplanner. Correct answers are entered into a draw and five students win a gift certificate to the Grad Club! Please email your entry to sogs.contest@uwo.ca by February 3, 2012. Winners will be notified by email and their names posted in next month's newsletter.

Q. Are graduate students eligible for the new 30% Tuition fee reduction introduced by the provincial government?

Last month's answer: Glen Murray

November winners: Nick Pasic, Janet Kim, Elmira Rezanavaz, Linn Zhu and Bronwyn Cormack.

Do you have a news item or announcement you'd like to have included in the next SOGS Update? Email the editor at sogs.external@uwo.ca for information.

four graduate member to serve on the Senate from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Please visit <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/elections.html> for more information.

The Senate is responsible for the academic policy of the University. Some of the specific responsibilities of the Senate are to: approve new programs of study; establish and revise academic policy; consider policy matters relating to fellowships, scholarships and other awards; conduct Convocation including conferring of honorary degrees; create, modify or dissolve faculty councils and committees; and approve the form and method of operation of committees generally. As well, the Senate makes recommendations to the Board of Governors on such matters as: the establishment or termination of academic units and programs of instruction; the establishment of chairs, scholarships, fellowships, prizes, bursaries, and other awards; and affiliation agreements with colleges. Recommendations to the Senate come from committees such as the Senate Committees on: University Planning (SCUP), Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA) and Operations/Agenda. A complete list of these committees, including their Terms of Reference and Composition, is available on the Internet at <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/>.

Spring 2012 Board of Governors Election

The Board of Governors will hold elections during Feb. 14–Fe. 15, 2012 to elect student members in accordance with the provisions of The University of Western Ontario Act (1982).

Nominations are now open for one graduate member to serve on the Board of Governors from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

The Board of Governors is responsible for the government, conduct, management and control of the University and of its property and affairs. Some of the specific responsibilities of the Board are: appointment of the President, Vice-Presidents, Deans, faculty and staff; setting salaries and benefits; fixing fees; establishing regulations for the use of University buildings, grounds, and ancillary operations; and expending and investing University funds. Please visit <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/elections.html> for more information.

Day of Action, All Out Feb. 1!

Students from across Canada will take to the streets on Feb. 1, 2012 to call for reducing tuition fees, dropping student debts and increasing education funding. The theme of the Day of Action is to voice “Education is a right”. Please visit <http://educationisaright.ca/en> for more information on the Day of Action.

Events will be organized in our campus at the Grad Club or at UCC. More information will be updated on SOGS website. Also, if you are interested to join the massive rally in Toronto, please email VP External at sogs.external@gmail.com. Transportation will be provided.

Please come out on Feb. 1 and support the movement.

24th Annual Western Research Forum!

The Western Research Forum will be held on Monday, March 26th and Tuesday, March 27th, 2012 featuring keynote speaker Dr. Bob McDonald of CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks! Keep these days free because all graduate students are invited to attend! This year's theme is "You, Me, and Our Community: Research Passion and Perspectives at Western" which aims to highlight the importance and relevance of each graduate student's work from an individual to a global viewpoint.

This year, students are encouraged to present in whatever format best represents their work. Of course, you are more than welcome to present in traditional poster or oral format, but we are also accepting submissions from students who want to showcase their art, musical compositions, etc. Please, make sure your presentation is creative, interesting, and accessible to students in all disciplines. Abstract submission and registration deadline is Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

Stay tuned to the SOGS website for more information that will be live in the very near future. See you at the WRF!

Sustainability Survey

In an effort to better address ecological, economic, and social sustainability at Western, the SOGS Sustainability Committee would be grateful if you would fill out a short survey to let us know how you understand the concept of sustainability and help us gear initiatives towards what is important to you. The survey will take no longer than 10 minutes of your time. After completing the survey, you may choose to enter your email address to win one of ten \$10 gift certificates to the Grad Club. Please follow this link to complete the survey: <https://grad.uwo.ca/surveys/sogssustainability/>

The SOGS Sustainability Committee is always looking for new members interested in getting involved on campus. Please contact us at: sogs.sustainability@uwo.ca for more information.

Rally in support of the locked out workers at Electromotives

There will be a rally in support of the workers at Electromotive in London who were locked out of their workplace on New Year's Day, after Caterpillar threatened to cut their wages in half and take away many of their benefits, including their pensions. The Ontario Federation of Labour, the London and District Labour Council and the Canadian Labour Congress are calling on workers, retirees, students and community members throughout the province to join the Canadian Autoworkers in mobilizing for a massive Day of Action against Caterpillar in London.

When: Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 am.

Where: Victoria Park, London

Also, SOGS is collecting donations e.g., canned and non-perishable foods for the locked out workers who are getting only \$200 a week in pay. You can come to SOGS office (UCC 260) to make your donation.

Bylaws and Constitution Committee (BCC) is Seeking Members

BCC is seeking new members. Membership is open to any SOGS member in good standing. If you would like more information about the committee, please email SOGS Speaker, Kevin Godbout at sogs.speaker@uwo.ca. The nomination deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012.

Tea and Information Session for Spouses and Partners of International Students

Date: Friday, January 27, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: International and Exchange Student Centre (IESC), Room 2120, WSS

IESC's Tea and Information Sessions will give you the opportunity to meet and get to know people, practice your English skills, learn about the Canadian culture, share knowledge, culture and skills as well as discuss topics related to international families and living in Canada. Drop in for Tea & Information Sessions and meet other spouses or partners of Western students, and our IESC staff. This event will take place every other Friday from January 13th to April 27th, 2012.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/int/services/index.html?spouse>

Grad Club Events and Specials

- a) The Grad Club now features a lunch value menu in the Clock Tower Cafe
- b) This month the Grad Club is featuring Bavaria. Buy a pitcher and get a toque
- c) Grad Club Lunch Buffets—East Indian Buffet on Wednesday; Pasta Bar on Thursday; Theme Buffet on Friday, 11:30AM – 1:30PM, \$9.25 one trip
- d) Buy one food item from the after 9:00PM menu, get the second item 50% off.
- e) Weekly Specials! Check out current specials at <http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/gradclub/Menus/specials.html>