



The Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' Society

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Students' Council

Minutes

November 24th, 2015

4:30 pm – Macdonald Faculty Lounge

Attendance

Present: Nicolas Chatel-Launay (President), Georgia Limniatis (Public Relations Officer), Héctor Gálvez (Treasurer), Jacob Ziegler (Faculty Representative), Marcus Kaji (MCSS Representative), Christopher Nzediegwu (Environmental Advisor), Lei Tian (Food Science), Laura Minieri (Food Science), Gabriel Lambert-Rivest (Plant Science), Hilary Byrne (Parasitology), Yasmin Schuermann (Animal Science), Ivy Mak (Dietetics), Meaghan O'Neill, Jaaved Singh.

Regrets: Naresh Gaj (Bioresource Engineering), Krittika Mittal (Natural Resource Science)

Absent: Maude Dagenais (Parasitology), Laura Michalovic (Animal Science), Yin Hong (Dietetics), Emmanuella Ellis (Agricultural Economics), Gabriella Djangmah (Agricultural Economics)

Approval of Agenda

Be it resolved, That the agenda, as sent with the convocation, be approved with the modification that Business Arising item 1, be discussed after New Business item 2.

Moved by H. Gálvez, Seconded by J. Ziegler.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes from October 27th, 2015

Be it resolved, That the minutes from November 27th, 2015 be ratified as sent with the convocation.

Moved by H. Byrne, Seconded by G. Limniatis.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Reports

J. Ziegler: N. Chatel-Launay read the report from J. Ziegler on the previous Faculty Meeting.

G. Lambert: Plant Science is organizing a Christmas Party



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H. Byrne: Parasitology had a Halloween party and is planning a Christmas party. Report from Graduate studies committee, the new Dean of Graduate Studies wants the awards to be spread out more strictly. Differential fee waivers are not being used to recruit international students. Student funding is only attached to good standing, so it's impossible to fail anything. They want to institute more committee meetings. Our newsletter should remind students. Problems in grading these. Susan Gregus needs to be cc'ed to make things work faster.

I. Mak: Christmas party organized by the department, they are thinking of subsidizing students.

G. Limniatis: Safety committee did not contact her, opt-out for PGSS fees only opens in January,

C. Nzediegwu: Cleanliness of the Graduate areas is bad.

H. Gálvez: PGSLF update. Attended the appointment's board. PGSS is recruiting for the Food Science cyclical review.

Y. Schuerman: ice cream sales, and raised money for 2 travel awards.

New Business

1. MOA between MCSS and PGSS

M. O'Neill: an agreement was signed by all parties, we have a settlement which is confidential. The MOA is public and will be posted on our website. Our members now have access to the Ceilidh and the Ballroom, full access to all their clubs, and can create fully graduate clubs. The MoA will be placed on the MCGSS website. PGSS will be paying \$11.00 per graduate student to MCSS. This mostly covers clubs and Centennial Center services. H. Gálvez read the main parts of the MoA. J. Ziegler, asked for the clubs to be made public.

2. MCGSS post-MOA funding situation

To get PGSS to agree to sign to this, M. O'Neill and H. Gálvez agreed to verbal agreements, but haven't signed anything per say. PGSS will not be giving any money to MCGSS directly. The reasoning is other GSAs only receive PGSLF funds. MCGSS has been getting part of the membership fees since the 80's. PGSS events are self-funded. The referendum questions for PGSS failed. Behrang Sharif personally will not give a cent more to MCGSS. PGSS agreed to pay for the peer helper program. We will not be paying clubs anymore, we lose \$16,500 of fees, we must cut substantially. We won't pay PGSS activities anymore. Should we start funding our activities with PGSLF?



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Should we separate from PGSS? Would we be better off? Should we figure out for other sources of revenues for our activities. All of these are questions we need to deal with. What are the activities we should fund? Should we pass a motion to have PGA's being able to raise their own fees. Should we use PGS LF.

H. Gálvez moved to table this discussion, N. Chatel-Launay seconded, no opposition.

Business Arising

1. Motion to amend the MCGSS Bylaws

Tabled

New Business

3. Elections

H. Gálvez reminded Council that we have a campaign starting and referenda.

Be it resolved, That G. Limniatis be the Chief Returning Officer with M. O'Neill and J. Ziegler as Co-returning officers

Be it further resolved, That the Referendum campaign and Election Campaign span from December 2nd to December 15th and that the vote be taken on December 16th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Moved by M. Kaji, seconded by N. Chatel-Launay.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Graduate Lounge Baby

G. Limniatis: There's a woman with a baby in the graduate lounge. A letter will be given to her in English. Ask the family care coordinator. N. Chatel-Launay will write the PGSS/Family situation.

Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions

Next meetings

PGSS Students' Council: December 2nd, 2015 at 6:00 pm, Thompson House Ballroom

MCGSS Executive Committee: December 8th, 2015 at 12:00 pm, Faculty Meeting Room

MCGSS Students' Council: December 15th at 4:30 pm, Faculty Lounge



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MCGSS Bagel Breakfast: December 16th at 9:30 am, Faculty Lounge

MCGSS Holiday Lunch: December 17th, TBD

Adjournment

Be it resolved, That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by H. Gálvez, seconded by C. Nzediegwu.

Motion carried by unanimous consent at 6:03 pm.


Nicolas Chatel-Launay
President