

GSA COUNCIL – AGENDA

*Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Robertson Hall, Senate Chambers, 6:00 pm, Friday, 28 September 2012*

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CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm, Friday, 28 September 2012

Chair: Jessica Squires

Recording Secretary: Sam Heaton

Council Members Present

- Kelly Black (President)
- Anna Goldfinch (VP External)
- Chloë Grace Fogarty-Bourget (VP Operations)
- Vincent St-Martin (GSA)
- Phil Robinson (Executive Coordinator)
- Elizabeth Whyte (VP Finance)
- Gurjot Garcha (Systems and Computer Engineering)
- Guy Massie (Senate)
- Peter Holdsworth (History)
- Nick Bourgeois (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
- Diane Pellicone (Art History)
- Scott Marchant (Music and Culture)
- Abigail Kidd (Sociology and Anthropology)
- Ron Couchman (Sociology and Anthropology)
- Chris Bisson (Geography and Environmental Studies)
- Thania Vega (Political Science)
- Samantha Allen (Journalism)
- Genevieve Neelin (Canadian Studies)
- Wesley Petite (Political Economy)
- Paul Donaldson (NPSIA)
- Alexandre Lafortune (NPSIA)
- Glen Barber (Economics)
- Matt Dunford (Physics)
- Darren Pacione (Legal Studies)
- Brendan O'Neill (Geography)
- Nyssa McLeod (SPPA)
- Ehsan Ghias-Begloo (Electronics)
- Emily Lieffers (Communication)
- Justine Mallol (Communication)
- Jeffrey Martin (Architecture)
- Andrew Connolly (English)
- Graeme Turner (Mathematics and Statistics)
- Golshid Chatrchi (Mathematics and Statistics)
- Abid Ikram (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
- Lisa Menard (Psychology)
- Cecilia Jorgenson (Psychology)
- Raymond Caron (Earth Sciences)

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- Jason Green (ICSLAC)
- Lindsay Derraugh (Biology)
- Emma Hazan (Social Work)
- Nicci Sharpe (Social Work)
- Justine De Jaegher (Public Policy and Administration)
- Mohammadreza Ataei (Systems and Computer Engineering)
- Azadeh Rouhandeh (Systems and Computer Engineering)
- James Splinter (Economics)
- Tabatha Armstrong (Canadian Studies)

1. ORDER OF THE DAY – COUNCILLOR ORIENTATION

2. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR

- a. Announcement of Proxies

Peter Holdsworth (History, for Sam McCready)

Kelly Black (VP Academic, for Holly Gilroy)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved: Kelly Black (President)

Seconded: Tabatha Armstrong (Canadian Studies)

Carried

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. E-minutes from August 21 2012
Moved: Paul Donaldson (NPSIA)
Seconded: Chloë Grace Fogarty-Bourget (VP Operations)
Carried
- b. Minutes from August 21 2012
Moved: Ron Couchman (Sociology and Anthropology)
Seconded: Alexandre Lafortune (NPSIA)
Carried

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The first Community Garden General Meeting is being held Tuesday, October 2nd at 5:30pm in the Grad Lounge, all are welcome!
- Next Friday, October 5th is Open Mic Night at Mike's Place, featuring new Open Mic host Brandon Wint, all poets, musicians, spoken word artists, etc. are encouraged to participate in the fun!
- Free drop-in yoga will be held twice monthly starting Thursday, October 11th at 5:15pm in the Grad Lounge.
- Next Council meeting Friday October 26th at 6PM in Senate Room

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9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Motion 28.09.2012 – 01: Motion to reaffirm support for reinstatement of Post-Residency Fees

Moved by: Elizabeth Whyte (VP Finance)

Seconded by: Chloë Grace Fogarty-Bourget (VP Operations)

Whereas in 1996, the Board of Governors eliminated post-residency fees for graduate students at Carleton University; and

Whereas a post-residency fee structure allows graduate students to pay reduced tuition fees following the completion of their course work, a practice that recognised the reduced resources used by students in the research and writing phases of their degrees,

Whereas post-residency fees reduce the financial barriers faced by students pursuing a graduate education

Whereas the elimination of post-residency fees has served to reduce completion rates as graduate students seek paid employment and even drop out of their studies in order to survive; and

Whereas tuition fees as a barrier have a greater impact on international students, students with disabilities, single parents, women, Aboriginal students, and students from low and modest income backgrounds; and

Whereas in certain Carleton University programs, such as Social Work, requiring payment of full tuition fees is further exacerbated by the practise of charging these fees to students who are engaged in practicum – amounting to students having to pay fees in order to work; and

Whereas in 2007 the Carleton Graduate Students' Association endorsed the campaign to reinstate post-residency fees; and

Whereas re-instating post-residency fees would:

- help to open the doors of graduate studies to qualified students from all backgrounds and income groups and demonstrate that Carleton University is committed to accessible graduate education;
- increase retention rates and reduce time-to-completion rates, thereby increasing the research and teaching capacity of Carleton University; and

Be It Resolved That the Carleton Graduate Students' Association reaffirm its support for the Ontario Graduate Caucus of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario (OGC) campaign for a restoration of post-residency fees; and

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BIFRT GSA Council, Executive, and graduate student representatives on the Board of Governors, Senate, and Graduate Faculty Board advocate for the restoration of post-residency fees at Carleton and across the Province of Ontario.

Carried unanimously

b) Motion 28.09.2012 – 02: Motion to respond to Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities Discussion Paper

Moved by: Kelly Black (President)

Seconded by: Tabatha Armstrong (Canadian Studies)

Whereas Ontario has the highest tuition fees in Canada at both the graduate and undergraduate levels; and

Whereas Ontario has the lowest per-student funding in Canada; and

Whereas the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities (MTCU) document *Strengthening Ontario's Centres of Creativity, Innovation, and Knowledge* seeks to radically transform post-secondary education; and

Whereas *Strengthening* does not mention or address the issues of financial access, student debt, or overall affordability of education; and

Whereas *Strengthening* suggests importing aspects of the European Bologna Process, including 3 year degrees and year-round classes, a process that has received widespread criticism and has had little benefit to students; and

Whereas *Strengthening* suggests linking calculations of "learning outcomes" of students to the funding of universities and colleges; and

Whereas the GSA recently held a townhall to solicit feedback from students on the future of post-secondary education in Ontario; and

Whereas this summer members of the GSA executive participated in the *Innovation Productivity Roundtable Discussions* where members of the post-secondary sector were invited to discuss the *Strengthening* document; and

Whereas the Graduate Academic Caucus recently met to discuss *Strengthening* and provide feedback,

Be it resolved that the Graduate Students' Association submit feedback on the *Strengthening Ontario's Centres of Creativity, Innovation, and Knowledge* document to the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities; and

BIFRT the Graduate Academic Caucus and the GSA Executive continue to monitor proposed changes to the post-secondary education system in Ontario; and

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BIFRT the graduate student community at Carleton be encouraged to engage with and participate in campaigns centered around accessible and public post-secondary education.

Amendment carried

Main motion carried unanimously

c) Motion 28.09.2012 – 03: Motion to Appoint Graduate Student Member to the Athletics Board

Moved by: Kelly Black (President)

Seconded by: Alexandre Lafortune (NPSIA)

Guy Massie (Senate) scrutineer for Glen Barber (Economics)

Darren Pacione (Legal Studies) scrutineer for Raymond Caron (Earth Sciences)

Glen Barber (Economics) wins

Motion:

Whereas there is a vacancy on the Carleton University Athletics Board; and

Whereas it is important for graduate students to have representation throughout the University; therefore

Be it resolved that Glen Barber be appointed to the Athletics Board for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Be it further resolved that the GSA representative to the Athletics Board report the Board's activities to Council and seek input and direction with regards to Board activities that could affect access to athletic facilities or increased costs to students.

Carried

Motion to destroy the ballots

Moved: Anna Goldfinch (VP External)

Seconded: Graeme Turner (Mathematics and Statistics)

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Graeme Turner (Mathematics and Statistics)

Seconded by: Ron Couchman (Sociology and Anthropology)