



# GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
LOCAL 19, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

## GSU General Council Meeting

**Tuesday April 29, 2008, 6:10 sharp**

Koffler Institute Auditorium, 575 Spadina Ave. (just west of the GSU)

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### Agenda

1. Guest: Joan Foley, Ombudsperson, University of Toronto
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  - a. Agenda
  - b. Rollcall
  - c. Minutes
  - d. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - e. Downtown Legal Services
  - f. OPIRG
3. Election of Executive Members-at-Large<sup>i</sup>
4. Health and Dental rates for 2008/09<sup>ii</sup>
5. Finance Committee
  - a. Financial Statement Sept. to Feb. and year-end projections<sup>iii</sup>
  - b. Conference Funding<sup>iv</sup>
  - c. Finance Committee Elections<sup>v</sup>
  - d. Transfer of signing authority to the new Executive<sup>vi</sup>
6. Amendments to GSU Policy Document<sup>vii</sup>
7. Report of Nominating Committee for the new Chairperson<sup>viii</sup>
8. Year-End Reports
  - a. Academics and Funding
  - b. Outreach
  - c. Social Justice
9. Reports
  - a. Course Unions
  - b. Executive/Staff Announcements/Questions/Correspondence
  - c. Governing Council, CUPE 3902, Graduate Education Council
10. Other Business
11. Date of Next Meeting - **tba - last week of September 2008**
12. Adjournment – **Year-end social in Sylvester's Café - free drinks and food**

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- GSU provides an allowance for family care expenses reps may incur doing GSU business. Please contact Carol for details – carol.ramm@utoronto.ca
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<sup>i</sup> Article 7.3(b)(ii): Two (2) of the appointees shall be chosen at a regular General Council meeting by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, and these appointees shall hold office for one (1) year, beginning May 1.

<sup>ii</sup> a) **Executive Motion: BIRT the GSU General Council approves an increase of up to 12% (\$189.36+22.62 = \$211.98) in the GSU Health Plan premium for the 2008/2009 academic year in order to maintain the current level of benefits. BIFRT this fee be collected as two equal sessional amounts.**

b) **Executive Motion: BIRT the GSU General Council ratify a decrease of 17.7% (\$136.80-24.16 = \$112.64) in the GSU Dental Plan premium for the 2008/2009 academic year in order to maintain the current level of benefits. BIFRT this fee be collected as two equal sessional amounts.**

<sup>iii</sup> **Executive Motion: BIRT the six-month (Sept.-Feb. 07-08) and year-end projection be approved.**

<sup>iv</sup> **Executive Motion: BIRT the recommendations of the Finance Committee on Conference Funding be approved.**

<sup>v</sup> Policy 3.06(a) "...a Finance Committee chaired by the Treasurer, composed of one (1) member of the Management Committee or one (1) other member of the Executive appointed by the President and four members of General Council, elected by General Council, who are not members of the Executive and who represent each of the four divisions of the School of Graduate Studies..." c) "...term of office...from May 1 to April 30."

<sup>vi</sup> Article 12.2, Banking and Borrowing: "Each year following the election of the Officers...said Officers are given signing authority for the Corporation", and Policy 3.09, Signing Powers: "Once each year General Council at a meeting after the annual election of officers and prior to May 1 shall vote signing powers to the five officers and designated members of the Finance Office of the Union."

**Executive Motion: "BIRT the signing authority be transferred to the new Executive from May 1, 2008."**

<sup>vii</sup> **Executive Motion: BIRT the GSU Policy Document be amended as presented.**

<sup>viii</sup> Article 4.4 - "General Council, at the last meeting before the new President takes office (normally in April), shall consider the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and choose the new Chair."