



GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
LOCAL 19, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

Please bring all signed petitions re: the 2009 federal budget and SSHRC funding to this meeting.

GSU General Council Meeting

Thursday April 30, 2009, 6:10 sharp

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

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Agenda

1. a. Agenda
b. Rollcall
c. Minutes
d. Business Arising from the Minutes
2. Report of the Chief Returning Officer
3. Election of Executive Members-at-Largeⁱ
4. Finance Committee
 - a. Financial Statement Sept. to Feb. and year-end projectionsⁱⁱ
 - b. Conference Fundingⁱⁱⁱ
 - c. Finance Committee Elections^{iv}
 - d. Transfer of signing authority to the new Executive^v
5. Creation of Designated Funds
 - a. Student Services and Resources Fund (Peer Review Magazine)^{vi}
 - b. Health and Dental Insurance Fund^{vii}
6. Amendments to GSU By-laws^{viii}
7. Report of Nominating Committee for the new Chairperson^{ix}
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 2009**

5. Adjournment – **Year-end social in Sylvester’s Café - free drinks and food**

- GSU provides an allowance for family care expenses reps may incur doing GSU business. Please contact Carol for details – carol.ramm@utoronto.ca
- **Please seal and bring your sealed envelope back so we can reuse them.**

ⁱ Article 7.3(b)(ii): Two (2) of the appointees shall be chosen at a regular General Council meeting by April 30th of each year, and these appointees shall hold office for one (1) year, beginning May 1.

ⁱⁱ **Executive Motion: BIRT the six-month (Sept.-Feb. 2008/09) financial statement and year-end projection be approved.**

ⁱⁱⁱ **Draft Motion: BIRT the recommendations of the Finance Committee on Conference Funding be approved.**

^{iv} 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.”

^v 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.”

Draft Motion: “BIRT the signing authority be transferred to the new Executive from May 1, 2009.”

^{vi} **Executive Motion:** see attached

^{vii} **Executive Motion:** see attached

^{viii} **Executive Motion: BIRT all references to GSU officers in the bylaws be updated to reflect the new executive structure.**

^{ix} 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.”

Draft Motion: BIRT GSU Council ratify the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

