



# GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
LOCAL 19, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

## GSU General Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2009, 6:10pm

Bahen Centre for Information Technology

40 St. George Street, Room 1130

Nancy Dawe called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.

### 1. Council Orientation

Dawe welcomed Council members to the first meeting of the year and directed members to the "Bourinot's Rules at a Glance" document and other materials which were available at the back of the room and were also sent out to the listserv. She brought to the attention of the Council items on the Bourinot's Rules at a Glance document which she said must be changed at the next meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>. She assured Council that during the next Council meeting a more detailed orientation on the rules of order would take place. She reminded everyone to speak clearly into the microphone and introduce themselves by name and department in order to keep an accurate speakers list. If clarification of procedure is needed, she pointed out that you could raise a "point of privilege" to herself on any issue at any time that is inhibiting participation in the meeting. She informed members to be punctual to meetings, to stay for the entire duration of the meeting and sign the roll-call sheet. She directed council members to the orientation sheet that could be picked up at the back of the room, the GSU website, and the handbook in the GSU day-planner as excellent resources for more detailed information. Lastly, she said that all members of the GSU are welcome to attend meetings and that speaking/voting rights had to be granted to non-representatives but are provided to Council members. She said that all meetings run from 6:10 until 8:40 at which time a motion to extend the meeting would be required and that there are 8 meetings scheduled per year.

### 2. a. Agenda

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Tim Langille/Rados Zlatanovic

**Carried**

### b. Roll call and Introductions: Council Representatives, Executive, Staff

Members of Council introduced themselves and described their responsibilities.

### c. Minutes

No changes to the minutes of April 30, 2009 were noted.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the minutes of the April 30, 2009 meeting be approved.

Daniel Vondervoort/Chris Klinger

**Carried**

- d. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - i. Election of Finance Committee Members from Division 1 (Humanities) and Division 2 (Social Sciences)

Bodia Macharia stated that the responsibilities of Finance Committee members were to review conference funding and other financial issues.

Akwasi Owusu-Bempah asked what the time commitment of members would be.

Macharia said that it is not time consuming, but in the second semester the commitment would increase. She stated that there were going to be six meetings this semester. She said that each meeting was one to two hours in duration, and that prior preparation, including reading, was expected before meetings.

Dawe opened the floor up to nominations.

Chris Landon nominated himself for the Division 1 position. There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that Chris Landon from Medieval Studies from Division 1 be appointed to the GSU Finance Committee for 2009/10.

Peter Urbanellis/Michael Bailey

**Carried**

Dawe then opened the floor for nominations for a Division 2 committee member.

Owusu-Bempah nominated himself. There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that Akwasi Owusu-Bempah from Criminology from Division 2 be appointed to the GSU Finance Committee for 2009/10.

Leo Mui/Gillian Kwiecien

**Carried**

Dawe welcomed and congratulated the new Finance Committee members.

### 3. Course Union Representatives Orientation

Charlotte Reeve reminded Council members that she sent out the **Course Union Manual**. She said that there are **80** course unions, all of which are active. She clarified that a course union is a group of people in the same course of study and that she has historical records to help change your specific constitutions if it is needed. She stressed that these changes must be carried out via the GSU as they are official documents. She stated that head-grant cheques are issued in two instalments, with the first being issued this year on October 5th, 2009 and the second in March, 2010. She asked people to read page 7 of the manual for details about funding. She mentioned that there is a special grant available for small

course unions. She also highlighted that there are conference grants available for student-organized conferences, and the likelihood of funding is great. Lastly, she encouraged the Council members to come to her concerning appeals.

Yen-Wen Wang asked about spending the small Course Union grant, specifically, he voiced concern over the spending of this funding on things such as coffee and snacks. He said that he was unsure of how these funds are allowed to be spent.

Reeve responded that there are guidelines in the October mail-out for how this funding should be spent.

#### 4. Legislative Program

##### a. Overview of Process

Dawe stated that each of the Sub-Committee Chairs would review the plan for the upcoming year. She said that this is a result of the Sub-Committees working over the summer. At the end of the presentations she affirmed that a motion would be passed to approve the Executive plan.

##### b. Poverty Free Ontario Campaign

Sara Suliman introduced Nora Loreto who is a student from Ryerson University Students' Union. She said she is currently a member of the Continuing Education Students' Association at Ryerson.

Loreto stated that she is a staff member of the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) and is a member of "Drop Fees for a Poverty-free Ontario". She asked which people present were in their 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> year of studies. She stated that these people knew all about debt and they were those who would benefit from lowering tuition fees. She said that this fall CFS—which is the largest student lobbying group—will be discussing quality, tuition, and funding of education. She highlighted that the campaign is a response to student debt increasing by 300% compounded on top of increasing tuition fees. She stated that on average, students accumulate twenty-two thousand dollars of debt over 4 years. She said that there is 13 billion dollars of student debt which does not include the Ontario portion of OSAP, but if it did it would be 15.1 billion altogether. She said that high student unemployment, lesser quality of education, larger classes and less time with professors are no justification for these increases. She stated that we students are now paying 58% of the operating budget of our educational institutions because the government is decreasing funding to universities. She made clear that inflation does not account for this, and if it did it would be the year 2043. She stated that this year the provincial government's "reaching higher framework" is expiring—allowed all tuition fees to increase 5% per year—which is an 8% increase for 4 consecutive years. She said that we have the highest tuition fees at the graduate level in Canada. The "drop fees" campaign's objective is to address this issue. At a general meeting several months ago, it was decided to address poverty instead of dropping fees. She stated that CFS is bringing together labour and community groups to start challenging the provincial government to prove good on their promise to eliminate poverty. She encouraged Council members to tell peers and to get involved in one of the

many coalitions across the province and here at the University of Toronto. She said that they are in need of active and involved members and directed those interested to pick up a red pamphlet at the back of the room. She encouraged people to sign the petition postcards and return them to the GSU where the postage would be paid on your behalf and sent. She said that on November 5<sup>th</sup>, which is the “provincial day of action”, these will be sent. She stated that Suliman is the University of Toronto representative for CFS and to contact her with any questions or interest and she said that there are other coalitions through the city and other universities that you can get involved with.

John Paul Catungal asked Loreto what roles representatives to the governing body can play in this campaign.

Nora responded that you could raise these issues with your Course Unions. She gave the example of granting academic amnesty to those who attended the “day of action”.

Suliman clarified that “academic amnesty” is not penalizing students for missing class on the same day. She stated that at UofT there is no democratic motion to do so. She stated that they were trying to get faculty members to endorse the campaign and not penalize students on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She assured Council that this would also come up at the next meeting.

#### c. Academics and Funding Sub-Committee

Ellie Louson said that the mandate for the year is going to consist of collaborating to drop fees. She said that there were three main issues being addressed:

1. Freezing or eliminating post-residency fees. She stated that this is a fee structure in place that once you are past your coursework and using fewer institutional resources, that tuition fees be lowered. She said this would be especially helpful for returning and international students.
2. Whistleblower Protection which she stated was drafting a policy to protect students who wish to speak out against their research and other academic injustices.
3. Copyright and open access issues. She stated that October 19-23 was Open Access week.

Louson stated that on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm there would be an Academics and Funding Sub-committee meeting. Lastly, she stated that on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 there would be a film about copyright regarding downloading music and not paying for sources in research. She said this event will include a guest-speaker and roundtable discussion.

#### d. Social Justice Sub-Committee

Suliman informed the Council that she chairs the Social Justice Sub-Committee and that it is membership driven. She stated that they support and provide resources to GSU members who present initiatives. She provided the example of advocacy of women’s rights issues in the Congo or the Poverty-Free Ontario Campaign. She said that organization happens on three levels with York and Ryerson Universities. She said that during the summer community outreach is important and that the response is usually overwhelming. She stated that 50,000 postcards were signed provincially and that the

November 5<sup>th</sup> goal was to reach 100,000. She said that GSU, UTSU (University of Toronto Students' Union), and CUPE Local 3902 (Canadian Union of Public Employees) have been meeting in regards to a campus wide coalition to coordinate outreach in the campus community. She stated that members of the Social Justice Sub-Committee have been working to mobilize students and conduct outreach to Course Unions. She encouraged that those who have not been contacted by the Social Justice Sub-Committee should indicate as such on the roll-call sheet. She outlined that the Social Justice Sub-Committee is responsible for coordinating membership driven initiatives, campaigning for graduate student-specific issues and encouraged people to become members. She said they meet every Tuesday at 5:30pm. She further said that the committee drives initiatives for graduate student-specific issues.

e. University Affairs Sub-Committee

Anton Neschadim said that the University Affairs Sub-Committee is membership driven and open to all members of the GSU. He said that they tackle issues that would be of concern to graduate students about the student code of conduct and any issues or concerns that graduate students have. He encouraged those interested to become members and stated that they are interested in tapping into some campaigns in the GSU, such as the corporate funding campaign, quality of education, concerns about anti plagiarism websites and how they affect the quality of education here at the university. He advised those with concerns about administration to speak to himself or the Sub-Committee.

f. Sustainability Sub-Committee

Dawe said that the green hand-out elucidates the function of the Sustainability Committee.

Michelle St-Amour stated that the committee started as a Caucus and is now a Sub-Committee that is membership driven. She encouraged members of the GSU to offer ideas pertaining to sustainability. She said that currently the subcommittee is working to lobby in the city for more pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. She gave the example of a dangerous crosswalk where 2100 pedestrians were forced to cross unsafely in a 4.5 hours. She said that there was a petition circulating for this effort to create a safe crosswalk at this location. She said that efforts to increase recycling at the University of Toronto and the city were underway, including a composting campus-wide system. Last year the policy was put together as the GSU's first Sustainability Policy. This policy is for internal meetings, events and GSU related events. She stated it is not meant for Course Unions but if it is approved, Course Unions will be encouraged to adopt similar policies.

i. GSU Sustainability Policy

Dawe informed the Council that the motion had already been moved at an Executive meeting, therefore no mover or seconder would be required from the floor.

Patrick Fothergill said that he thinks the policy is good but voiced his shock at the lateness of it. He stated that in part 1b.i., printing on both sides of the paper can potentially damage some printers and that in part 2c. that phantom loader requires the proper hardware. He said these issues could provoke a negative response and that it may afford better compliance if people are eased into it.

Dawe reminded the Council that the motion was to adopt the Sustainability Policy and that it could be amended at future meetings. She stated that the internal policy must be taken care of at the present time and that Course Union specific issues would be addressed later.

Nikita Reznik asked what reasoning was behind the vegetarian food in the policy.

St-Amour said that the option should be available because it uses less resources and is more sustainable environmentally. She provided the example that it takes more energy to raise a cow than to raise corn. She further stated that the word “encourage” does not necessarily mean “enforce”, but that if people were happy with it, this may indeed be done.

**Executive Motion:** Be it resolved that the GSU Sustainability Policy be adopted by the GSU General Council.

**Carried**

g. Motion to approve 2009/2010 Legislative Program

**Executive Motion:** Be it resolved that the GSU Legislative Program for the academic year 2009/10 be adopted by the GSU General Council.

**Carried**

5. Student Services and Resources Fund

Dawe informed the Council that information pertaining to the Student Services and Resources Fund can be found on the yellow sheet at the back of the room.

Ajamu Nangwaya said that the item at hand came about due to the folding of a Peer Review Magazine which was a graduate student magazine that had operated for several years. He stated that there is \$62,000 of unclaimed reimbursements and a plan of how to use this money had been developed by a committee. He said the Student Services and Resources Fund Working Group and the Executive came together to propose allocating money to two projects:

1. A Food-bank on campus. He stated that in lieu of the poverty-free campaign, there is much hardship for students financially. He said they have agreed that it would be best to use the resources to benefit others in need and that 50% of those who go to food banks are students, and 50% of those students have families. He proposed that \$6,000 of the unclaimed money be allocated to the food bank.

**Executive Motion:** Be it resolved that the Student Services and Resources Fund donate \$6,000 to the University of Toronto Student Food-bank be approved by the GSU General Council.

**Carried**

2. Bikechain, which is a free service available to students, provides an incentive for sustainable transportation for students. He stated that they provide free repairs of bicycles and rentals. He voiced that they have asked for funding in the past, and that current

assessment of their needs resulted in a recommended \$12,000 to donate. He stated that this was a more ecologically sound way to use our planetary resources, however the GSU currently provided no funding, yet 30% of Bike-chain users are graduate students.

Vanessa Tran asked why twice as much money was being given to Bikechain as to the food bank.

St-Amour responded that the Bikechain budget is twice as much as food bank. She stated that a levy was put forward last year at \$1 per student to total \$12,000 but a referendum was not able to run last year, so funding was skipped for that year. The GSU is attempting to cover the amount that was missed.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the GSU General Council permit speaking rights to Toby Bowers, representative of Bikechain, for this agenda item at the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Council meeting.

Michelle St-Amour/Leo Mui

**Carried**

Reznik asked Bowers to give an overview of what the money would be used for.

Dawe stated that the motion questions should be asked before voting when she asks if there are any questions, however, being the first meeting this exception to the rules of order was made.

Bowers responded that half of the funds allocated by the GSU will be used to run a levy campaign for the GSU, and the other half will be used to expand advocacy work on campus that is already underway, and expand a free bicycle rental program at the university.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Student Services and Resource Fund donate \$12,000 to the University of Toronto Bike Chain.

**Carried**

Nangwaya said that the undergraduate students provide funding through a levy for Bikechain, however graduate students do not. He proposed a motion to create a levy from graduate students to support Bikechain.

An Executive motion was put forward by Dawe to hold a referendum to ask for a levy of 1 dollar per graduate student per year or 50 cents per part-time graduate student per year. She then opened up debate on the matter.

Jim Roames asked why the GSU does not use the funds from the GSU budget instead of collecting a permanent levy. He asked why we aren't supporting this the same way we support the discounted metro-passes, for example.

St-Amour responded that the Student Services and Resource Fund is a one-time only allocation of money. She said that we cannot give a one-time amount each year and the point is that Bikechain is funded by undergraduate levies (UTERN) but graduate students are using this program but do not pay for it via a levy. She stated that every graduate

student benefits from this program.

Fothergill stated that he has never heard of Bikechain but did attend the graduate students' orientation. He enquired as to why there is not more outreach and then asked how long Bikechain has been in existence.

Dawe said that the questions must deal strictly with the motion of whether we send it to referendum or not.

Fothergill replied that if we are to vote on this that this information is important.

Bowers said from May 2007 to December 2008 that 3,500 people used the resources that Bikechain offered. He said there were 674 graduate students and 649 undergraduate students, whereas 2,200 identified themselves as simply "student" without specifically stating the level of study. He stated that Bikechain has been operational for 4 years and that they are located at the International Student Center.

Mui asked what levies charge to undergraduate students.

Bowers responded that undergraduates are charged 1 dollar per year for Bikechain plus 1 dollar per year for UTERN, some of which goes to Bikechain.

Mubdi Rahman asked about referendums at UofT in general. They stated that UofT has a low turn-out for these referendums so they often pass if they are un-contested. They provided the example of undergraduates at UofT having a levy for the Cinema Students Union which flew under the radar, when most undergraduates do not use that service.

Rados Zlatanovic asked if it would it be possible to circulate the information regarding material of motions before meetings.

Ruth Perkins responded by point of information that she sent out that document by email already.

Peter Urbanellis asked if the 3,500 people who used Bikechain services were individual different people.

Bowers responded that these numbers were not unique and that there could have been repeats. He said that this was not tracked well due to budgetary issues.

St-Amour stated that she was in favour of the motion due to such large use by graduate students and that people that move at slower paces in car-reduced cities tend to have more community solidarity and vibrance. She stated that in car-reduced cities people feel safer and are healthier. She restated that there is a free bike rental program as well as bike education services detailing laws and bike maintenance.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the GSU hold a referendum in the winter term 2010 asking for a levy of 1 dollar per year per full-time graduate student, and 50 cents per year per part time

graduate student, starting September 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 for the University of Toronto Bikechain.

## **Carried**

Nangwaya raised a point of order and stated that in terms of encouraging democratic involvement to look at the policy in order to properly represent your constituency. He encouraged members to circulate information in their constituency group and that if you are interested in following up, you can construct a motion that you can bring forward to Council for the Executive to consider.

### 6. Reports

Dawe stated that Council directs discussion in this section and that issues or events in Course Unions that are flagged for the executive to follow up on should be raised here. She provided the example of when a Course Union representative faces an issue, other departments may be dealing with similar circumstances, and thus it is a good place to talk about issues and updates to the GSU.

#### a. Course Unions

Louson stated that she is a part of the Institute for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (HAPSAT) and that she wanted to bring attention to the historic scientific instrument collection campaign started by HAPSAT members last year. She said they have seen great success so far. She further stated that they serve to identify, preserve and catalogue various materials throughout UofT. She said that these could be materials that are not appreciated or currently used at the particular department. Historians are interested in preserving these materials, and people are running out of storage in their departments, so this collection does have storage space. She said that any department involved in science or technology which would like to be involved in this project can talk to her for more information.

Peter Coppin said that an international student won an award which made them lose all UofT funding. He expressed that there was no point in applying for external awards for this person and he asked if there are policies in other departments that address this issue.

Suliman responded that the SGS is not allocating the funding, and that each department has a separate policy of how to determine funding. She said that some would allow you to get a top up, but some do not allow you to have other funding, so that UofT is profiting from the scholarship.

Dawe followed up with this statement and said that funding is a pervasive issue and to bring up issues or discrepancies with funding to departments. She asked those with questions or concerns regarding funding to contact Charlotte or Rose.

#### b. Executive/Staff Announcements/Questions

Dawe stated that on the blue sheets is a hard copy of reports that were sent by email and to take a look at this in advance of the Council meeting, and members are welcome to ask

questions regarding them.

Suliman encouraged international students or those who have many international students in their Course Unions to get on board with the “integration of international students under OHIP” campaign. She said they have made contact with members of provincial parliament and are trying to follow up with the Ministry of Health; however they have not been receptive or responsive. She said ongoing petitions and work at the university and with government are underway and she encouraged all who were interested to speak to her.

Nangwaya explained the position taken by GSU Executive on the new library user fee that UofT is imposing on non-UofT faculty and graduate students. He stated that they must pay \$20-\$200 to use UofT facilities and he expressed that this is a form of privatization due to policies made by government to not adequately fund the educational institutions. He encouraged the Council to be vocal on the issue, and he said that a letter was sent to UofT administration and the Minister of Education (postsecondary) urging them to adequately fund UofT to carry out the role of having the best library in Canada. He stated that UofT has the 3<sup>rd</sup> best archive and collection, second only to Harvard and Yale, and that this will affect us as students who decide to use other resources at other universities.

Dawe said you can see a copy of the letter that was sent on the GSU website.

Neschadim said the quorum for Executive meetings is 4 members including an Executive-At-Large member, and that during the summer some of the members at large had extensive leaves and it was difficult to achieve quorum at some meetings. At the Executive meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> they passed a motion that a total of 4 Executive members be present during summer meetings, and did not define position requirements.

Michael Bailey raised a point of interest if there was quorum when this motion was passed.

Neschadim replied that there was quorum when the motion was passed.

Dawe affirmed that motions are not passed without quorum.

#### c. Governing Council, CUPE 3902, Graduate Education Council

Greg West and Olivier Soren, who are graduate student governors, were not present at the meeting to speak about issues with the Governing Council.

Suliman stated that the first round of Governing Council meetings were cancelled due to insufficient business at the meetings despite serious financial issues across the institution. She urged Council members to react to this within their departments however they see fit. She stressed that the highest ranking decision making body at the university is not meeting until December.

Vanessa Parlette introduced herself as the Liaison Officer for CUPE 3902. She said that Unit 1 represents TA's, lab instructors and music instructors and Unit 3 are contractual members of the union (non-students). She said that there has been a new collective

agreement for Unit 1, negotiated and signed last year, which covers improved benefits for healthcare, parental leave and wage increases, and they are currently bargaining for Unit 3. She said that tenure-track positions are rare and contract positions are what graduate students rely on upon graduation. She said that these members have little control over their job future and despite good reviews there is no certainty that they will remain with their job. She said that current pay is \$15,000 per year which is approximately \$6000 below the poverty line for the same job a professor would do. She said CUPE is trying to get more job security, such as recognizing good performance. She said that being eligible to apply for grants has been denied, so they are unable to accept certain teaching awards. She said that currently they are trying to get comparable pay to those at York University. She said they are currently in conciliation and they will hold a strike vote and that on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> this will take place for Unit 3 workers. She encouraged us to tell Unit 3 members to check out the website and vote, know about bargaining issues and make an informed decision. She expressed that a strike vote does not necessarily mean a strike, but is used as leverage at the table to express the gravity of their intentions. She asked if you or your Course Union could write letters of support and send it to [Research@CUPE3902.org](mailto:Research@CUPE3902.org). She said CUPE have been actively working with GSU on the Poverty Free Ontario campaign and that all departments with TA's are encouraged to get involved and if there are 50 or more TA's in a department then they are allowed to have a steward and they can be a liaison to CUPE. Lastly, she said you can also have a CUPE representative come to your department if you are interested in ways to get involved or to learn more about CUPE.

Michael Guerzhoy commented that concerning job security the compensation is not enough and if it becomes an actual job, there is a chance for graduate students who are inexperienced to teach these courses. He stated that if it becomes a job this will no longer be possible for those who require this to gain teaching experience.

Parlette clarified that there are Course Instructor positions for Unit 1 TA's and Unit 3 people are separate from this pool of eligibility. She said that Unit 1 Course Instructors are cheaper to hire as well so the university will probably not shift from this and that in fact jobs are shifting from Unit 3 to 1. She stated that this is by no means a full time job, but it is recognizing good performance and allowing them to know in advance if they have the job.

Chris Klinger gave a short overview of the Graduate Education Council. He said that they meet once a month to deal with approval of courses, programs, and degrees and at this Council meeting he gave an update on what the final Graduate Education Council meeting in May accomplished. He said the Council is comprised of faculty members, staff, librarians, and students. He expressed that student representation is low, however, and there are only 8 students on Council. He said St-Amour is involved through the GSU this year. He stated that the Dean of SGS's reports state that new academic homes have been created for the Centre for Industrial Relations and the Graduate Centre for the Study of Drama. They were moved to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences effective as of the summer of 2009. He stated that the M.Sc. in Global Affairs has been approved and is awaiting OCGS approval (Ontario Council of Graduate Studies) for certification. He outlined successful scholarship applications for the 2009 application cycle: SSHRC: 124 (38%), NSERC 125 (75%), OGS (899, 40%), 34 Vanier awards (highest allocation of all universities in Canada). He outlined the Vice Dean's report which stated that for programs reported approximately 2,000 graduate students received a degree in June, 710 of which

were awarded doctoral degrees. He said that the Vice-Dean of Students outlined some changes made including the Graduate Academic Appeals Board's (GAAB) access to alternative academic mediators in case of a conflict of interest. He also reported that there are 3 new student members on the GAAB: Jason Greiner, Behnam Kia, and Kimberley Radmacher. He also gave an announcement for program changes: new degree for a Master's in Science in Applied Computing in the Faculty of Computer Sciences—it is a professional stream program which is levied by the Faculty; Master's of Engineering and Telecommunications offered by Electrical and Computer Engineering. He outlined certain name changes as well: the Dalla Lana School of Public Health no longer grants Master's in Health Sciences but rather a Masters of Public Health will be granted. He outlined program requirement changes: reduction of study hours in biochemistry SCH2024H which allows for more choice in required courses; occupational therapy has added OCT11H following OCGS recommendation to make available courses required for degree requirements; rehabilitation sciences reduced full time equivalents from 4 to 3.5 FCE's (full course equivalents). Lastly, he said that this was the last Graduate Education Council meeting for Dean Pfeiffer of the School of Graduate Studies and Vice-Dean Palper, who ended their terms on June 30 2009.

## 7. Other Business

Dawe said that this would be the time to raise items that do not fit into prescheduled items. She gave the example of bringing forward a motion to Council.

### a. Notice of the election of two Executive-At-Large positions next month

Louson stated that at the next meeting there would be elections for two new executives at large. She said this is a paid position, you can choose which areas of mandate you want to take on, and you can see the order of operations in the GSU.

Dawe stated that you can refer to the pink handout to see the duties for these executive at-large positions in more detail. She said that of the four executives at large, three members must be members of Council and one may be a GSU member.

## 8. Date of Next Meeting:

Dawe said that the next meeting would be held Thursday, October 29, 6:10 pm at the Lash Miller Building, Room 162. She said that all other meetings of the 2009/10 year would be in the Bahen Centre for Information Technology, 40 St. George Street, room 1130.

## 9. Adjournment

Dawe declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.