



GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
LOCAL 19, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

Chair: Exec added

12. Other Business: (5 minutes)
 - a) Time to Completion (Jason)
 - b) Interdepartmental Events (Laura)

Happy New Year!

*****Please note the different weeknight and location of this meeting.
Winter term meetings are on a Wednesday in Koffler House*****

**GSU General Council Meeting
Wednesday January 25, 2012, 6:10pm sharp
Koffler House Auditorium, 569 Spadina Ave. (just west of the GSU)**

Agenda

1.
 - a) Agendaⁱ (20 minutes)
 - b) Roll call
 - c) Bikechain
 - d) Downtown Legal Services
 - e) Minutes – Nov. 21 and Dec. 5ⁱⁱ
 - f) Business Arising from the Minutes
2. February 1 Day of Action (10 minutes, Daniel and Terence)
3. Health and Dental Plans Renewal (5 minutes, Shain)
4. GSU Commissioner Restructuring (45 minutes, Ann)
 - a) Evaluation of 2011/12 temporary structure
 - b) Recommendations for 2012/13 structure
 - c) By-law Amendments
5. Finance Committee (2 minutes, Ann)
 - a) Notice of Motion re. COLA increase in GSU feeⁱⁱⁱ
6. Election of: ^{iv}(5 minutes, needs speaker to explain duties, Ann)
 - a) Chief Returning Officer (up to approx. 85 hours total in Feb. and March)
 - b) Elections Committee Representative
7. Council on Student Services: Summary of Proposed Changes for 2012/13 (20 minutes, Daniel and Bob)
 - a) Introduction of Guests
 - i. Physical Education and Health
 - ii. Hart House
 - iii. Student Life

- b) Question and Answer Period with Guests
- c) Council discussion without Guests

8. Canadian Federation of Students - National General Meeting (CFS-NGM) Report (2 minutes, Daniel)

9. Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) Memorandum of Agreement (2 minutes, Ann)

10. Sub-Committee and Caucus Reports^v (10 minutes)

- a) Social Justice Sub-Committee
- b) Sustainability Sub-Committee
- c) Civics Sub-Committee
- d) Academics and Funding Sub-Committee
- e) University Affairs Sub-Committee
- f) International Students' Caucus
- g) Queer Caucus
- h) Family Housing Working Group^{vi}
- i) Accountability and Autonomy Working Group (proposed by-law amendments)
- j) GSU Building Working Group (accessibility)
- k) Motion to Accept Reports

11. Reports (25 minutes)

- a) Course Unions
- b) Executive/Staff/Announcements/Questions
- c) Governing Council, Graduate Education Council, CUPE 3902

12. Other Business: (5 minutes)

- a) Time to Completion (Jason)**
- b) Interdepartmental Events (Laura)**

13. Next Meeting – Wednesday Feb. 29, 2012, 6:10 pm, Koffler House auditorium

14. Adjournment - please come to the Council social at Sylvester's Cafe, 2nd Floor, GSU, 16 Bancroft Ave. Free drinks and snacks.

- If you require family care subsidies please contact carol@utgsu.ca.
- If you require disability related accommodations please contact ruth@utgsu.ca by January 18.
- Please seal and bring your envelope back so we can reuse them.

ⁱ 1(a) Draft Motion: BIRT (Be it resolved that) the Council approve the agenda (as amended).

ⁱⁱ 1(e) Draft Motion:

- a) BIRT the minutes of the November 21, 2011 Council meeting be approved (as amended)
- b) BIRT the minutes of the December 5, 2011 Council meeting be approved (as amended).

ⁱⁱⁱ 5(a) The cost-of-living increase is determined annually by a vote of the GSU General Council. The amount would be equal to or less than the increase in the Statistics Canada annual Consumer Price Index, up to a maximum of 5% per year. Council would also have the option of rejecting any cost-of-living increase (passed in GSU referendum March 1987). Information is presented at our January meeting, and a decision is made at our February meeting annually.

^{iv} 6. Draft Motions

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- a) BIRT (name) of the (dept.) is elected/appointed Chief Returning Officer for the upcoming GSU Executive election for the 2012/2013 academic year.
- b) BIRT (name) of the (dept.) is elected/appointed to the 2012 GSU Elections Committee as GSU General Council Representative.

v 10. Draft Motion: BIRT Council accepts the sub-committee, caucuses, and working groups reports.

1.01 The Elections Committee

The Elections Committee shall be established by General Council, before January 31st of the year in which the election is to be held, to supervise the election of the GSU Executive Commissioners, and/or to supervise the running of a referendum. All Election Rules as stated in this policy apply to GSU referenda. Normally, any referendum shall be held in conjunction with the regular GSU March Election of Officers.

The Elections Committee shall include the Chief Returning Officer, one other member of General Council, and a GSU staff person.

The Chief Returning Officer:

- shall be a member of the General Council
- shall be elected in person at GSU Council; however, a candidate who will be absent for the Council meeting may, if Council approves by a 2/3 majority, run in absentia for the position of CRO if s/he provides a written statement of qualifications to the Secretary of Council in advance of the meeting and appoints a nominator to speak on her/his behalf. The Secretary of Council shall handle all correspondence concerning this position.
- shall not be a member of the GSU Executive
- shall chair the Elections Committee
- shall be responsible for the conduct of the election which includes hiring a Deputy Returning Officer (if required) and Poll Clerks. The Deputy Returning Officer shall be a member of the Graduate Students' Union. Poll Clerks shall be University of Toronto students and preference shall be given to members of the Graduate Students' Union. The responsibilities of the Deputy Returning Officer and the Poll Clerks shall be at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer in accordance with Election policy.
- shall ensure that nominations papers are valid
- shall advertise the nominations and elections using ads, posters, and electronic distribution means
- shall be responsible for resolving any or all discrepancies in the nomination, campaign and election process.

The Election Committee Council representative(s) shall be a member of, and elected from, General Council.

The GSU Staff person shall prepare the ads, posters and nomination forms for the nomination period, in accordance with the policy, shall distribute upon request the nomination papers, and shall work with the Chief Returning Officer to perform whatever tasks are required.

^{vi} 1.(h) Family Housing Working Group

Draft Motion: BIRT GSU Council ask President Naylor to create a Presidential Task Force on affordable student family housing, composed of a majority of students as voting representatives.