



EGSS Fall General Assembly

Agenda

September 30, 2013

Coach House, Room 200

15:30 - 17:15

[suggested time]

1. Introduction by council members and announcements [20']
2. Introduction by candidates running in the by-elections [15']
3. Approval of the agenda for the General Assembly Sept 30, 2013 [5']
4. 2012-2013 Budget account (Appendix 1)[10']
5. 2013-2014 Budget approval (Appendix 2) [15']
6. Motion re. Quebec Charter of Values (Appendix 3)[20']

Appendix 1

Revenues

Operating Budget	Budgeted Sept '12	Budgeted March '13	Updated July '13
Student Life Fund (PGSS)	\$15,000.00	\$16,958.00	\$17,136.00
Other Income operating budget	\$0.00	\$637.00	\$637.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00	\$17,595.00	\$17,773.00
		Projected remaining funds	\$1,548.73
		Actual remaining funds	\$1,663.23
		Difference	\$114.50¹

Internal Account	Budgeted Sept '12	Budgeted March '13	Updated July '13
BMO Account (internal account)	\$10,959.78	\$12,023.78	\$12,023.78
Interest gain	\$0.00	\$0.93	\$0.93
TOTAL	\$10,959.78	\$12,024.71	\$12,024.71
		Conference moneys in account	\$3,552.33
		Projected remaining funds	\$15,691.54
		Actual remaining funds	\$15,577.04
		To be reimbursed from operating budget	\$114.50
		Difference	-\$114.50²

¹ This corresponds to moneys that have not been honoured by PGSS for the format of receipts. Once reclaimed, these moneys will go back to the internal account.

² This is the amount mentioned in the previous footnote that should go back to the internal account.

Expenditures

Operating budget: consists of SLF plus any extra income intended to be used for operating expenses

Proposed Expenditure	Budgeted Sept '12	Budgeted March '13	Updated July '13	Expenditure to date	Over/Under to Date
EGSS Travel awards	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
EGSS Fellowships	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
VP Academic	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$102.49	\$97.51
VP Student Life	\$1,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,233.22	\$166.78
VP Diversity & Equity	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$274.99	\$225.01
VP Communications	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$197.21	\$2.79
Council related expenses	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$368.04	\$31.96
EGSS Conference budget	\$3,300.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00
Study Space/Lounge Improvement	\$200.00	\$258.00	\$258.00	\$100.48	\$157.52
Solidarity fund	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$737.00	\$485.37	\$251.63
Secretary Honorarium	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
Upcoming Council	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Office & Lounge Maintenance	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$362.47	\$37.53
Total	\$15,000.00	\$16,958.00	\$17,595.00	\$16,224.27	\$1,370.73³

Internal Account

Proposed Expenditure	Annual	Expenditure to date	Over/Under to Date
Annual account maintenance fee	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$0.00
Translation of the Constitution	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Total	\$916.00	\$916.00	\$0.00

³ \$1070.73 of the remaining 2012-2013 funds will be retroactively allocated to the 2012-2013 needs-based fellowships. The remaining \$300 is to be used by the 2013-2014 council for welcome activities, and start-up expenditures.

Appendix 2

Motion re. 2013-2013 Budget

(EGSS Council)

BIRT the EGSS Membership approve the proposed 2013-2014 budget shown in Appendix 2.

Proposed 2013-2014 Budget

Budget item	2013-2014
EGSS travel awards	5,500.00
EGSS Fellowships	3,500.00
VP Academic	100.00
VP Student life	1,400.00
VP Diversity Equity	500.00
VP Communications	100.00
EGSS GAs and student meetings	500.00
EGSS conference Budget	3,300.00
Office supplies	250.00
Solidarity Fund	500.00
Secretary Honorarium	800.00
Upcoming Council	300.00
Office & Lounge Maintenance	150.00
	16,900.00

Appendix 3

Motion re. Quebec Charter of Values

(EGSS council)

WHEREAS the Provincial Government expressed its will to establish a Quebec Charter of Values on a press communiqué on September 10, 2013⁴;

WHEREAS the Quebec Charter of Values, if adopted, would ban public servants, such as teachers and health workers, from wearing of “conspicuous” religious symbols⁵;

WHEREAS the ban from wearing “conspicuous” religious symbols will discourage diversity in Quebec society, which has negative consequences for Quebec and Canadian society as a whole;

WHEREAS the ban from wearing “conspicuous” religious symbols disproportionately affects minority communities such as the Quebec Jewish, Muslim and Sikh communities;

WHEREAS the meaning of the word “conspicuous” depends to a great extent on the observer’s perspective, and therefore, its meaning is relative;

WHEREAS Indigenous communities were not consulted in the preparation of the Charter constituting a forcible inclusion within a Settler society which fails to acknowledge the distinct position of Indigenous groups in this territory;

WHEREAS the proposed Quebec Charter of Values targets the teaching profession directly because many teachers are public servants;

WHEREAS the Faculty of Education focuses a great deal of its efforts to form teachers who are respectful of diversity;

WHEREAS the Faculty of Education, more specifically the Department of Integrated Studies in Education, works close together with Indigenous communities from the Quebec province;

WHEREAS the proposed Charter of Values constitutes an offense to student teachers in this Faculty who choose to wear religious symbols, and thus whose completion of their education may be in jeopardy;

WHEREAS the proposed Charter of Values disproportionately affects teachers and student teachers, the majority of whom are women, adding further to the oppression women already experience in Quebec society;

WHEREAS the proposed Charter of Values constitutes an offense to staff within this Faculty who choose to wear religious symbols;

BIRT EGSS takes a stance against the Quebec Charter of Values proposed by the government.

BIRT EGSS, through the EGSS Council, send a letter informing of its position to the Ministre responsable des Institutions démocratiques et de la participation citoyenne, Mr. Bernard Drainville by October 7th, 2013.

⁴ Press communiqué available at http://www.nosvaleurs.gouv.qc.ca/medias/pdf/communiqué_10septembre.pdf

⁵ More details on <http://www.nosvaleurs.gouv.qc.ca/en/propositions/3>