

EGSS minutes November 24, 2005

Present:

Jen, May, Marna, Alice, Allison, Juan, Jessica (new ECP rep)

Regrets:

Kaixin, John (new VP Finance), Sam, Rebecca, Adeela

1. Adoption of Agenda

2. Portfolio reports

President:

- New position - congratulations Jen!
- frustrated because she's not getting a lot of responses from emails.
- Alice is not getting emails

VP Tech

- listserv bugs
- website
- Jen will maintain the duties of this position

VP Academic

- Contacted Carole Grossman re: PhD WebCT
- Finding out about MA WebCT
- Travel Grant - new procedure (sorting out issues with the current award recipients - *Marna needs feedback on the procedure sheet*).

VP Finance

- KaiXin is absent

VP Student Life

- nothing to report

VP Multicultural Affairs

- Nothing to report

MLISSA

- Concerns in MLISSA with the fees that students are paying to EGSS.
- Students are paying fees to both MLISSA & EGSS

Questions:

1. How much do GSLIS students pay to EGSS?
2. Why do GSLIS students pay the EGSS levy?
3. What do GSLIS students get for paying these fees (travel awards don't count).
4. Can you opt out of the payment, and can MLISSA opt out of EGSS?

- GSLIS differences are so huge. Down the hill, different profs, different programs, all they get is annoying emails.

- Historical factors that were not in our control that caused MLISSA to be lumped into EGSS - downsizing etc. That's why GSLIS is in Education etc etc.

- At the faculty level, even though students are dispersed, professors sit on Faculty council and on RGS. EGSS is trying to reflect the faculty - a united student body can speak more strongly than splintered bodies.

- MLISSA functions autonomously. Alice doesn't see the relevance of her position on EGSS.

- Is there a way for MLISSA students to opt out of EGSS student fees.

- We would have to amend the constitution to allow MLISSA to opt out of EGSS.

- Clarification that MLISSA represents only Master's students.

- EGSS would need to get a Ph.D representative from GSLIS.

- Jen will find out about opting out.

DISE Rep

- CGPS - DHL removed from Ph.D
 - TOEFL scores raised
- PGSS - CFS-Q debacle
 - CMA issue

ECP Rep

- nothing to report

Conference report:

- Information on funding opportunity but we have to be a member of the Canadian Studies Association. We will have to pay 50\$ to get it.
- Needs volunteers to review submissions (what is timing?)
- Request to screen a film at the conference - needs more time (45 mins) - should we accommodate this? (we told people to be creative)
- Needs people to help out (give us specific tasks).

3. Awards

- Merit Award - Anthony Pare agreed to publish the winner of the Multicultural award in the MJE. Sam needs to start advertising.
- Nothing else to report (pushing this stuff to the next term).

4. Rad Grad
 - motion to award GrADE 200\$.
 - unanimously decided - cheque will be cut.
5. Collection for Manuel
 - Can we donate out of our budget? 50\$ out of our VP Student Life's Budget.
6. Grad Lounge decorating
 - Juan wants to decorate.
 - Re-vamping, and a housewarming in the new term.
7. Conference
 - Addressed above
8. Party
 - Reschedule for January

New Business

Faculty Budget meeting this morning.

Space issues were addressed:

- ECP is moving to 6th floor
- 513 will be rededicated as student space
- ECP and DISE will allocate those desks to MA students - room dividers will stay. Conversation re: security, timing, sharing etc.
- Rooms at the back that are closed will be available - they want to set up a schedule system for interviewing/client meetings etc.
- 513 grate - what will happen to the people using those desks - a wall and a door? Should we use keys or digital lock? Programmable.
- Study carrels?

Meeting adjourned 5:35PM