

# Education Graduate Student Society

**Friday, January 26, 2007**

2:00-3:30 (Room 233)

**Chair:** Jessica Toste  
**Minutes:** Jessica Toste  
**Present:** Ryan Brown, Josie Caro, Sandra Chang-Kredl, Giuliana Cucinelli, Sara Janes, Anika Naeem, Bindy Sanghera, Photi Sotiropoulos, Eloise Tan, Tomoya Tsutsumi  
**Guests:** Dean Roger Slee, Jennifer Coutlee (DAUR)  
**Regrets:** Adeela Arshad-Ayaz, Ozlem Cankaya, Elaine Laflamme, Elizabeth Roberts

1. **Approval of agenda**
  - Motion carried.
  - Item (8) to be held until next council meeting as VP Information & Technology could not be here to discuss website.
  
2. **Minutes from last meeting**
  - Distributed via e-mail, no additions or revisions. Motion to approve meeting minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup> was moved by Giuliana and seconded by Bindy. Motion carried.
  
3. **McGill Alumni Association**
  - Jennifer Coutlee from the DAUR office (Development, Alumni, and University Relations) and Dean Roger Slee briefly joined the meeting.
  - Roger thanked council members for all of their work and effort. The commitment that council members show to the Faculty of Education is appreciated.
  - Jennifer distributed the Faculty's newsletter "In Focus". She also distributed a brochure on student programs funded by the McGill Alumni Association – including potential funds for conferences. She welcomed us to come speak with her if we ever have any ideas of how DAUR can help us or if we have question regarding Alumni Association programs.
  
4. **Portfolio reports**
  - President:
    - *Travel awards:* The next deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup> for conferences taking place between March 1 and June 30, 2007. In all posters and communication, we are stressing that students must have applied to Alma Mater first in order to be eligible for the EGSS award.
    - *Space in 513:* We were able to set-up 12 desks (originally 11, and then added 1 more). All the students have been assigned their space; phone installed; people seem to be using/enjoying the space.
    - *RGS Committee:* Presented EGSS Fellowships criteria and guidelines. Everyone approved. Bob asked that Jessica present application and selection procedures at a future RGS meeting. DISE is limiting new PhD cohort to 20 students. Looking into changing course schedule from evening to daytime.

- *Faculty Council:* Meeting right before EGSS council today. Two people from the Planning Office discuss McGill's plans for space and building usage.

Open discussion about the Faculty of Education's use of space. As the Faculty must make decisions by early March, it is important to get feedback from all involved – including graduate students. We will hold one open graduate student space meeting to discuss and generate a list of priorities. Sandra agreed to organize the meeting for sometime within the next 2 weeks.

■ VP Student Life:

- Bindy reported that the EGSS wine tour was held in December; it was very successful with about 35 students. Also held a couple of movie nights before the holidays – one had a good turn out and the other only had a few people stop in. Hope to organize a couple more events this year, such as a skating party or a brewery tour.

■ VP Multicultural:

- Eloise reported that she still planned to organize a series of sessions on multicultural issues before the conference. This would include movies and discussions; presentation on youth working with media; mini-film festival. More to report at the next council meeting.

■ PGSS Councilors:

- The last council meeting focused on revisions to the health care plan. It was decided that these issues would be included in referendum (specifically regarding prescription drug plan – increased coverage with lower deductible).

5. **Budget approvals**

- EGSS contribution to a gala fundraiser (FIELD) being organized by the Philippine Women Centre of Quebec. Josie briefly described the organization – raising awareness on issues related to domestic workers; view of Filipinos in Canadian society; sex trafficking; etc. This event, FIELD performance, will be held at the Montreal Arts Interculturel (MAI). It involves a wine & cheese, silent auction, performance, and panel discussion. Tickets are being sold for \$75 each.
- Jessica put forth proposal that EGSS support this fundraiser by purchasing two tickets (\$150) – tickets to be used as door prizes at the conference. Motion was moved by Anika and seconded by Sandra. Motion carried.
- Do we want to allocate funds to improvements to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor graduate student lounge? This is an agenda item arising from the last council meeting. People voiced concern that with major changes taking place to space/building, we do not want to put money into permanent improvements to this space when we may not have it in the future. We would like to get an old computer installed for student use (Jessica to follow-up with Jamshid). Consensus that we will allocate a small budget to general items that we can purchase to improve the space. Anika and Josie to take on role of assessing the space and making small purchases. To report back at the next council meeting.

6. **EGSS Fellowships**

- Final draft of criteria and guidelines was approved by all members of the EGSS Executive via e-mail. This draft was presented to the RGS Committee and they thought that it was very clear and will be well-received by students.

- We must solidify application and selection procedures. Open floor to discuss questions or concerns regarding these procedures.
  
- It was agreed that the best way to deal with application and selection would be for the deadline to coincide with Faculty fellowships (approx April 30<sup>th</sup>) and be submitted to Carole Grossman. All applications will be reviewed by the RGS Committee members, along with Faculty fellowships, and ranked. Two members of the EGSS Executive will sit in on the selection meeting – EGSS awards to be decided first so these two students can leave before other award recipients are discussed. Jessica, Tomoya, and Bindy are interested in being involved with the selection.

7. **Conference 2007**

- Sandra, Giuliana, and Photi gave general updates regarding our quickly approaching 2007 EGSS Conference. Jessica distributed conference volunteer sheet and asked that all members of the EGSS Executive complete and return right away – indicating the times you will be available to help out on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, and in what areas you would want to volunteer.
- A total of 81 submissions were received with participation from DISE, ECP, and GSLIS. Around 100 presenters including the panel sessions.
- Application for Mini Beatty was funded (\$4000). This will go specifically towards funding of the keynote lecture by Dr. Peter McLaren. Congratulations to the conference coordinators on this success!
- Working on room bookings – will have 6 rooms available throughout the day; 5 sessions at a time and 1 break-out room.
- Students begin to arrive to participate in conference planning meeting. All are welcome to stay and help out with presentations schedule.

8. **Meeting adjourned.**