

Education Graduate Student Society

Thursday, September 14, 2006

3:00-4:30 (Room 631)

Chair: Jessica Toste
Minutes: Jessica Toste
Present: Adeela Arshad-Ayaz, Ryan Brown, Ozlem Cankaya, Sara Janes, Giuliana Cucinelli, Photi Sotiropoulos, Angela Kovalak, Ramona Parkash-Puni
Regrets: Sandra Chang-Kredl
Guests: Tomoya Tsutsumi, Josie Caro, Elizabeth Roberts

1. **Housekeeping**

- In upcoming elections, we hope to fill the position of secretary on the council. If not, we will create a rotating schedule for meeting minutes.
- Logsheet for EGSS office keys – last year, there were two keys lost and now we only have four for our current council. Jessica will speak with Pat Jackson about the possibility for getting additional keys.

2. **Minutes from last meeting**

- Distributed via e-mail, no corrections. Motion to approve meeting minutes from July 4th was moved by Adeela and seconded by Josie. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of agenda**

- Motion carried.

4. **Portfolio reports**

- As everyone is just beginning in their new roles on the EGSS council, there were no current reports from the VPs or department representatives.
- President's Report: Thank you to everyone who helped out with the BBQ – it went very well! Thanks to Ramona and Adeela for shopping.
- Distribute handbooks – need last few bios for website
- *Update from RGS Committee*:
 - Space allocation on 5th floor and in library – rm 513 will be open by end of Sept and approximately a dozen carousels have been allocated to thesis students in the Education library.
 - Graduate thesis questionnaire from spring 2006 (minimal responses) and pertinent issues seem to be lack of funding and availability of supervisors.
 - Associate Dean, Bob Bracewell, organized an international student town hall last year. Possibility of organizing a town hall again regarding specific issues. Comments made regarding TA and instructor positions – criteria for instructor positions needs to be very explicit because people are taking the time to apply; smaller classes with no assigned TA's, perhaps there is the possibility of having "volunteer" TA's for students who are really looking for experience.
- *Update from APC*:

- On April 29th, the ministry approved the proposal for DISE PhD (it will be in effect as of September 2007).
 - New GSLIS PhD in Information Studies on table – hoped to be approved for September 2007 as well.
 - Other new programs include an MA in Aboriginal Studies, and an Masters in Teaching (leading to certification).
 - *Update from REF subcommittee (CDSE):*
 - First REF to be presented by Dean, Roger Slee on September 27th (4:15).
 - *Faculty Council:*
 - First meeting is September 27th at 2:00PM and they are held once per month.
 - Meeting is chaired by the Dean and all Faculty/Staff are in attendance.
 - EGSS has four spaces for reps – Jessica will regularly attend these meeting, Ozlem and Adeela said that they would also be student reps.
 - *PGSS Council:*
 - Every department has allotted council positions – so far, we have 1 DISE (Adeela) and 1 ECP (Angela). GSLIS is filling their spaces through MLISSA elections taking place at the end of September.
 - There has been interest from several people in running for ECP councilor positions on PGSS, Ryan also expressed interest in bring KPE councilor.
 - Total allocations: DISE 3, ECP 3, KPE 1, GSLIS 3
5. **Conference Committee**
- Update from Giuliana and Photi regarding conference planning. Website is now accessible at www.egss-conference.com
 - Dinner at Thomson House has been confirmed for Friday, March 9th. The keynote speaker, Dr. Peter McLaren, will have his session that same evening (at 5:00PM). Dr. McLaren has waived a speaker's fee, but we will be paying airfare.
 - Call for papers has been distributed to Faculty members and graduate students.
 - The EGSS conference committee will also co-sponsor a workshop, with Drs. Joe Kincheloe and Shirley Steinberg, on October 18th. This will be a workshop given by Dr. Douglas Kellner. Advertisements to go up in the next few weeks.
6. **General Assembly: Thursday, September 21st at 4:30PM**
- Review proposed agenda – approved, no additions. The GA will be advertised through listserv, as well as flyers in all student mailboxes. Sara to distribute flyers to GSLIS, Adeela for DISE, Ryan for KPE, Jessica for ECP. Ramona will organize to have drinks and appetizers available for the meeting.
 - Open positions include VP Finance, PGSS Councilors, DISE rep, and Secretary. PGSS Council positions must be submitted by October 1st, so the elections will end right in time! We have several people running for positions and I have spoken to a couple of others who are also interested.
 - Candidates must present themselves at the GA, therefore all nominations must be received by Wednesday, September 20th. Elections will run between September 21st and 27th (e-voting). Ballots will be send out via the EGSS listserv.
7. **Financial report**

- Financial report presented for 2005-2006. Final approval required from EGSS council. Motion to approve 2005-2006 financial report was moved by Adeela and seconded by Giuliana. Motion carried.
- Distribution of proposed budget for 2006-2007. Discussion of “special projects” funds that have been allocated – the EGSS can decide how (or if) we want to spend these funds in the upcoming year. Proposal to increase Travel Awards to \$1500 allocation per session, total \$4500 for the year. Motion to approval proposed budget was carried. Official approval to be received at GA.
- Copies of financial report (2005-2006) and proposed budget (2006-2007) to be distributed with meeting minutes.

8. **Merit Awards**

- Jessica will prepare guidelines for the Merit Award and these will be presented to the RGS Committee. Hopefully, we can have the award administered through Faculty fellowships.
- Proposed: 1 Masters and 1 Doctoral award (\$1000 each), criteria to include service to the community, academic performance, presentation of work (conferences, workshops, guest speaker – sharing information within research community).

9. **Meeting adjourned**