

Education Graduate Student Society

Thursday, October 19, 2006

11:00-12:30 (Room 631)

Chair: Jessica Toste

Minutes: Jessica Toste

Present: Ryan Brown, Ozlem Cankaya, Josie Caro, Sara Janes, Angela Kovalak, Anika Naeem, Ramona Parkash-Puni, Elizabeth Roberts, Bindy Sanghera, Eloise Tan

Regrets: Adeela Arshad-Ayaz, Sandra Chang-Kredl, Elaine Laflamme, Tomoya Tsutsumi

1. **Housekeeping**

- We re-circulated the sheet to sign for EGSS office keys – Sandra still needs to sign at next meeting. We only have four office keys. If you would like to use the EGSS office, you can arrange to share keys. It is a space that can be used by any member of the EGSS Executive. There are two desks, a telephone, shelf space, computer (although it hasn't been working very well).
- This is the first meeting for several new members of the EGSS Executive, so introductions were made. EGSS Executive Council contact list will be redistributed with these minutes.

2. **Approval of agenda**

- Motion carried.

3. **Minutes from last meeting – September 14th**

- Distributed at meeting for everyone to read and copy sent via e-mail to all council afterwards. No additions or revisions. Motion to approve meeting minutes from September 14th was moved by Ramona and seconded by Bindy. Motion carried.

4. **Minutes from General Assembly – September 21st**

- Item postponed to November council meeting as minutes are not yet prepared.

5. **Portfolio reports**

- Vice-President Multicultural: Eloise is hoping to organize a multicultural themed workshop series geared toward both graduate and undergraduate students. This would ideally take place in February, before the EGSS conference.
 - An idea is to have two days with different events. The purpose is to move away from “token” multicultural events and explore critical issues. The events could be workshops for classroom teaching, cultural issues, movie screening/discussion.
 - Ramona suggests contacting Centre for Educational Leadership for support.
- Vice-President Student Life: Ramona is putting together a package for students interesting in attending AERA in Chicago (April). It will have travel information, helpful tips, etc.
 - Next Friday (October 27th) is the PGSS Pumpkin Carving contest. Ramona will make a poster and Jessica will forward via listserv.

- Lise Winer asked Ramona if someone would attend her class to discuss EGSS and upcoming activities. Jessica will go to her class next week.

- Other ideas are to organize a pub crawl in November, trip to Eastern Townships vineyards (rent buses, pay for tours), or movie screenings.
- Department representative GSLIS: Sara announced that MLISSA elections took place last month. 50% of 1st year and 40% of 2nd year students voted.
 - The department is putting together a publication which can be viewed at [www.gslis.mcgill.ca/marginal]. MLISSA is also organizing a panel session on “Library Information Sciences and Identity” and considering using the National Archives building.
 - MLISSA is building a website/online communication space. Question was posed regarding possibility of EGSS providing some funds for website development. Council agreed that there could be possibility of EGSS allotting funds for start up of site, but not maintenance. This could be considered a special project. Jessica asked that Sara/MLISSA present an official proposal for the funds that the EGSS Executive can approve.
- President’s Report:
- Student Awards:
 - Travel award deadline was October 15th. Jessica to meet with Bob Bracewell next week to review files and select recipients. All award winners are selected through random draw amongst pool of eligible applicants. \$1500 awarded.
 - Jessica to discuss proposal for merit award with Bob Bracewell and get feedback from the RGS committee. Draft of proposal for the merit awards (name to be changed) to be presented at next EGSS meeting, then get feedback from RGS Committee.
 - Discussion of awards and how they can be allocated. Academic vs. professional. Some ideas for the focus: innovation, theory into practice, research into the community. **Note:** Follow-up discussion regarding student awards was held via e-mail. Notes from this discussion will be enclosed with these minutes.
- Update from APC:
 - Working with three first nations school boards to develop B.Ed. programs – these are hoped to be set up for the next academic year.
 - Examining CREPUQ academic program reviews from across the Faculty this year (January 1st deadline).
- Update from REF subcommittee (CDSE):
 - REF schedule has been distributed for the fall and winter/spring schedule should be confirmed by the beginning of November.
 - Please try to attend at least one REF to show support; encourage others to attend; consider presenting.
- Faculty Council:
 - In addition to Jessica, Ozlem and Adeela had mentioned that they were interested in sitting on Faculty Council. We have 4 seats to fill. Bindy agreed to fill the fourth EGSS seat on Faculty Council.
 - The next meeting is Friday, October 27th at 2:00PM (once per month).
- PGSS Council:

- Still need reps from DISE. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to get in touch with Jessica.
 - *EGSS listserv:*
 - Many announcements sent to us for forwarding; we don't want to "overload" students' e-mails because then they won't read the announcements specifically from EGSS. Proposal to send an EGSS NEWS (similar to PGSS format) that combines any announcements, events, conferences, scholarships, etc. that are sent to us for distribution.
 - How often should this happen? Every 2 weeks at the most.
 - *5th floor space:*
 - Ramona and Bindy agreed to take on the set-up of 5th floor space. Making signs for the doors and in the room, sign-up sheets for reserving space in the back rooms. **Note:** This project has been put on hold. Jamshid Beheshti will attend next EGSS meeting to discuss changes to the allocation of this space.
6. **Website**
- Ozlem will be updating and improving the EGSS website. She asked that everyone help out by "managing" a specific page of the site – this would mean reading over the information on that page, editing, updating, telling Ozlem what needs to be added/removed.
 - List distributed to sign up for a section. Ozlem will follow-up with everyone by sending Word document with information currently on page.
7. **Elections**
- Elections were held between September 21st and 27th through e-voting via EGSS listserv. We had a total of 31 voters – 9 DISE; 15 ECP; 7 GSLIS. It was noted that KPE students do not seem to be on the EGSS listserv. Ryan will forward Jessica the KPE distribution list to be added.
 - Congratulations to Ryan, Ozlem, Photi, and Jessica for being "officially" approved into their positions. In addition, Ryan has agreed to take on the role of PGSS Council for KPE.
 - Welcome to the new members of the EGSS Executive Council – Josie Caro (PGSS Councilor), Elaine Laflamme (Secretary), Anika Naeem (VP Finance), Elizabeth Roberts (PGSS Councilor), Bindy Sanghera (Co-VP Student Life), and Tomoya Tsutsumi (DISE rep).
8. **Conference Committee**
- Sandra could not be at the meeting and sent her report electronically. Jessica presents report. Guidelines for submission has been posted on the conference website. Conference coordinators will post online registration and formal submission forms by October 30th, once they have addressed how to set up online payment system. Students who are interested in submitting proposals can find out what is required right away, and will be able to formally submit proposals online by the end of October.
 - The poster of the conference has been designed and is being printed. We will post for presentation submissions during the Fall semester, and then in the Winter we will post for people to attend the conference. We will also be sending

the call for papers to other Canadian universities and a few in the US.

- In the process of applying for a Mini Beatty Grant through McGill which is due at the end of October.

- Looking into editing a collection of papers based on the 2007 conference. A meeting with May Tan, who is organizing 2006 edited volume, is being set up.
- Band has been confirmed – Roger Slee, Joe Kincheloe, and John Willinsky will play for the Friday, March 9th conference party.
- Sara mentioned that MLISSA has an event on Friday, March 9th so wonders if it would be possible for GSLIS activities to be held mostly on the Saturday. To follow-up with Sandra.
- Review of Douglas Kellner’s workshop (October 18): Renowned UCLA professor, Douglas Kellner, gave an engaging workshop on cultural and media studies methods in Education. Over 30 students and faculty members attended. Dr. Kellner presented two videos: “Path to 9/11” and “The Corporation”, and then using a Freirean, dialogical method, he led the group in conducting a diagnostic critique of both texts.

9. **Funds for 2006 Conference CD**

- The proceedings from the 2006 are in the process of being reviewed. May Tan is also putting together a conference CD with all of the documentation, abstracts, papers, program from the conference. In order to get this distributed, we will need to allocate approx \$200-250 under special projects. This would fund the production (purchasing CDs) and distribution (envelopes, labels, postage).
- It was requested that there be about 50 extra copies made of the CD that could be made available to the various departments.
- Jessica put forward a motion to approve allocation of funds. Motion approved.

10. **Open committee positions**

- Committee for Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies (CGPS) has an opening for an Education student to be filled by a PGSS councilor. Josie is interested. Jessica to follow-up with Johanne at PGSS regarding “signing up”.
- AGSEM Union Council is in need to department reps – from all four departments in the Faculty of Education. If you know anyone who is interested, please let Jessica know. This would include:
 - attending Union Council meetings (approx. 1/semester)
 - attending General Assemblies (2/year, September & March)
 - verifying appointments with the department’s TA coordinator
 - liaise between TAs and the union
 - represent to AGSEM the concerns of TAs in the department

11. **Surplus**

- To have an open discussion regarding surplus and possibility of special projects.
- Item to be postponed to next meeting agenda.

12. **Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes of October 19th EGSS Meeting