

Education Graduate Student Society

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

10:30-12:00 (Room 631)

Chair: Jessica Toste
Minutes: Jessica Toste
Present: Alyssa Baxter, Ozlem Erten, Frances Helyar, Ryan Ouckama, Liz Roberts, Dana Salter
Regrets: David Pickup, Kerri Staples, Tomoya Tsutsumi

1. **Approval for agenda**
 - Motion carried.
2. **Meeting minutes**
 - Minutes from September 11th Executive Council meeting were distributed, no corrections. Motion to approve meeting minutes was moved by Liz and seconded by Dana. Motion carried.
 - Still playing catch-up with minutes – will follow up prior to next meeting with minutes from September 20th (GA), October 31st and today, December 4th.
3. **Conference 2008**
 - The call for proposals have been distributed with an “early bird” deadline of December 16th and a second deadline of January 16th. Proposals have already been received from 10 people – all over Canada and one from the UK.
 - A volunteer meeting was held last week; hope to recruit a strong base of volunteers to help with reviewing proposals and (especially) help on the days of the conference. Still trying to secure a keynote speaker for Saturday, March 15th. Some suggestions that came from volunteers included Naomi Klein, Robert Munsch, Fred Penner, etc.
 - Planning to have a Friday evening poster session and combining with a wine&cheese event. Perhaps have band and open bar afterwards for people who want to socialize. Also considering renting out all of Thomson House on the Saturday – to start with brunch in the morning and have all sessions there. Need to verify number of rooms and capacity of rooms, also check with media services regarding equipment use at TH (are there LCD projectors?).
4. **Portfolio reports**
 - President's report
 - Faculty Council:* The Faculty of Education media/network services will be moving over to (under the umbrella of) McGill ICS. This will mean more efficient service for us, as well as a commitment to ensuring that all classrooms are fully “connected”. Any tech or network issues should be submitted via an online ticket, this will be directed to our staff in the building, and follow-up will be made on every ticket until it is closed.
 - *Academic Policy Committee:* Two new program streams have been approved in ECP. The MA and PhD in Educational Psychology will now have two

streams: Learning Sciences (merging of Instructional Psychology and Applied Cognitive) and Human Development (merging of Special Populations of Learners and Applied Developmental Psychology).

- *Student Awards*: Travel award applications for November 15th deadline will be reviewed this week and announcements sent to winners. Reminder that the next deadline is February 15th (will be advertised during the first week of Jan).
 - *MJE Special Issue*: Jessica spoke to Dean Beheshti regarding a special issue of the McGill Journal of Education stemming from EGSS Conference papers. In honour of the 150th anniversary, he was imagining a historical perspective introductory article followed by several papers. We will need to organize with Jamshid and submit a proposal to Anthony Pare. We should take advantage of this opportunity, but we will also need some solid commitment in terms of starting and completing the project.
 - Vice-President Student Life report
 - There is a Sing-Along Movie Night scheduled for Friday, December 7th. Please try to talk up events and spread the word!
 - Possibilities for the new year – Eastern Townships Wine Tour in January or May; schedule a social event in KPE (Currie Gym).
 - Vice-President Diversity & Equity report
 - Diversity & Equity Committee hosted REF series. The sessions were very well attended and garnered a lot of interest. The final session with Jennifer Gilbert was filmed and Dana is looking into the possibility of hosting the video on the McGill and/or EGSS website. The EGSS sponsored lunches with two of the guest speakers.
 - There is a series of meetings coming up with the department chairs to discuss issues of diversity and equity across the Faculty.
 - ECP Department and PGSS reports
 - Educational & Counselling Psychology will be holding a staff and student holiday gathering on Thursday, December 6th at 4:00pm.
 - At tomorrow's PGSS meeting, there will be a discussion regarding the TA collective agreement. Update to be given at next council meeting. Also, the PGSS is looking for a new VP Academic (paid position!).
5. **Student space**
- No update at this point from the Space Committee. If anyone from the group is interested in drafting a proposal, this would need to be done before the holidays. [Update: a proposal was not submitted on behalf of the EGSS, but the issue of graduate student space is on the agenda for future space planning.]
6. **Executive lunch**
- We were missing a number of people at this meeting, so it was decided that we would plan a social/lunch for the EGSS Executive in the new year. Happy holidays! ☺
7. **Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes of December 4th EGSS Meeting