

Education Graduate Students' Society

Thursday, December 10, 2009

2:00-4:00 (Room 203)

Chair: Jessica Toste
Minutes: Lisa Nelson
Present: Colin Campbell, Swan Kennedy, David Macaulay, Lisa Nelson, Heather Phipps, Erin Sirett, Jessica Toste
Regrets: Beverly Baker, Xi Li, Martin Picard

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of meeting minutes
 - Approval of meeting minutes from November 12th – Lisa motioned to approve, Erin seconded the motion, all approved.
3. Business arising / updates
 - Student representation on DISE GPC – Beverly was not at the meeting; follow-up at next council meeting
 - Graduate student profiles – Jessica/Lisa to collect information from two students and forward info to Swan. Swan will publish in newsletter. Lisa to connect with an international student; Jessica sent interview to a PhD student in SIS.
 - Closure of media services – no updates that we have heard. Romy sent out FAQ to all graduate students and faculty members. It is still not entirely clear where all of the equipment will be located.
 - EGSS copy code – Jessica reported that she has not heard back from Kathy McElroy regarding the copy code. We requested 2000 copies for the academic year (DISE copier on 2nd floor).
4. Portfolio reports
 - **VP Academic** – Jessica
 - SCDSE meeting was cancelled. She will bring up the issue of graduate student course instructors at the next meeting.
 - Victoria Talwar, Assistant Dean, is evaluating all statistics and research methods courses. Ideas related to sharing advance research methods courses across units, having specialized topics that people can take as 1-credit courses.
 - Academic Policy Committee – adding a course on reading instruction to the B.Ed. Elementary program. Approval of new program – 15 month MA that leads to Quebec teacher certification at the secondary level. Masters of Arts in Teaching and Learning (MATL), with the first cohort to begin this summer.
 - **VP Finance** – Xi Li not present

- **VP Diversity & Equity** – Erin
 - Erin met with Equity Officer from PGSS to review various structures/systems of how students can access support. She is going to read new report on harassment policy and report back to EGSS at next meeting.
 - Student Equity and Diversity Education (SEDE) office has a training program. Erin to look into possibility of a series of workshops (on social equity issues – disability, queer) that could be offered to education students.
 - INJA Workshops – Erin reported she has 3 workshops set up for the new year, all facilitated by graduate students in DISE. January will be a session on hip hop education in the classroom, February will be use of storytelling from a Cree purview, and March-TBD. Jessica knows of a grad student from ECP who is interested in facilitating a workshop on stress management; to connect with student and report back to Erin.
 - **VP Info & Technology** – Swan
 - Listserv updated with Excel from PGSS. Swan sent out newsletter after the listserv was updated. Next newsletter to go out on December 15th and to include: Happy Holidays, coffee machine, future INJAs, EGSS Conference update, media services note. Get announcements to Swan this weekend to be included!
 - Computers have been picked up by all winners, except for one PhD student. Native Friendship Centre (Swan to contact), Tyndale (Erin to contact), Head and Hands (Swan to contact), Yellow Door (Swan to contact) still need to pick-up.
 - **DISE Department Rep** – Beverly not present
 - **ECP Department Rep** – Colin
 - Last month's departmental meeting was cancelled.
 - ECP will be holding Mini Ed Psych series again this year (third year), open to public.
 - Two faculty positions to be hired in ECP (1 in Counselling Psychology and 1 in Learning Sciences).
 - **KPE Department Rep** – Martin not present
 - **SIS Rep** – Dave
 - Postings up for two faculty positions in SIS.
 - Holiday party tomorrow!
5. Faculty Council
 - Beverly's item. To be deferred to next meeting.
 6. PGSS core funding initiative
 - Jessica reported on extra funding through PGSS (\$200/semester to PGSA). EGSS to apply and use funds (\$400) towards EGSS Conference. Jessica will write up paragraph and send out tomorrow.
 7. Student space

- Updates regarding basement study room and lounge. To be deferred to next meeting.
8. Conference 2010
 - Erin reported that the conference call for papers went out on the listserv and through various sources. Lily Han and Lydia Meldrum will take on the role of coordinators (and key contact people for EGSS). To secure keynote by January. Finalizing French call for papers that will go out tomorrow. Ahmed will be the liaison to attend EGSS meetings.
 - Erin to meet with Lisa about PayPal.
 - Conference committee asked the Dean to open the conference, waiting to confirm. Jessica has a good caterer and will pass along info.
 9. EdUS/EGSS seminar
 - Jessica has been in touch with Nathalie from EdUS. She would like to make a joint poster board for undergraduate students that advertises seminars that they could possibly attend. INJA workshops?
 - Jessica suggested a seminar for undergrads – “Demystifying Graduate School”. Would be nice to have unit representation. Jessica will confirm best time/day that doesn’t conflict with their stages (possibly early February). Jessica to report back after confirmed dates.
 10. Student Voice on EGSS
 - Lisa raised issue of international students – where are they, how do we represent them, how do we support them to make the link to the larger community? Feedback from committee members indicated that international students do attend events, but depends on the type of event.
 - Jessica mentioned that EGSS Wine Tour a couple of years ago was a huge success – cost around \$800.
 - Swan suggested putting out a call next year in April in an effort to recruit international. Other suggestions: workshops specific to international students (how to be a grad student), outing to Marche Jean Talon, IKEA, holiday dinner, Chinese New Year (February 14, 2010), poutine tour, contest – top 10 things about living in MTL, maybe with a prize like \$20 gift certificate to McGill bookstore.
 11. EGSS Fellowships
 - Deferred to next meeting.
 12. Other business