

Education Graduate Students' Society

Monday, April 11, 2011 (room 233)
11:30-13:00

Present: Heather Phipps, Jessica Toste, Michelle Harazny, Jason Hurley, Thuy Nguyen, Felipe Mendez, Olivia Leung, Marten Picard

Regrets: Sarah DesRoches, Tayeb Al-Tayeb, Hailey Sobel, Masatoshi Sato, Sophia Kapchinsky

Minutes: Lisa Nelson

1. **Housekeeping**-no new business
2. **Approval of agenda**-Jessica approved
3. **Minutes from last meeting** –March 2, 2011
Lisa approved
Business arising-no new business arising.

4. **Portfolio reports**

President –Heather reported on Departments Initiatives: Outreach tutoring school in Laval-May 2011, still recruiting tutors for math and science for fall. Andrew Woodhall-facilitating outreach initiatives. EGSS will continue to support EDUS in their work with Dans la Rue. EGSS will continue to provide ongoing support to the school in Haiti. Heather reported good attendance at the Japan Concert-all proceeds went to Red Cross. The EGSS Bake Sale raised \$320.00, plus \$500.?? PGSS \$300.?? Contributions to the Red Cross.

VP Academic-Jessica reported on the EGSS Fellowships. Four (4) Awards, two Doctoral for Research and Professional Leadership at \$1000.00 (each). Two Masters Awards for Leadership, Research Excellence at \$500.00 (each). Need to strike Review Committee-Lisa, Jessica, Sarah, Heather expressed interest to review and rank applications (1 day, 4 hour block) date to be determined. The Dean will Review the top ranked 3-4 applications. See: Award Guidelines for criteria. Deadline: June 3rd.

VP Finance-Sophia absent. Heather reported Financial Report on target, no other expenditures.

VP Student Life-Hailey absent-no report

VP Equity and Diversity-Thuy reported on the last session. Both Tayib and Rodney have supported Thuy in organizing last session on Sexual Diversity held in March, 2011. Donated funds from portfolio to Japan, to transfer other funds to Travel Award.

VP Information & Technology-Heather update council. Liese has completed her program and is no on council.

Conference Committee Report – Michelle reported that the committee celebrated surplus with a dinner. Michelle would be interested in co-facilitating next year's conference. Overall, good results. Student attendees/presenters represented over 12 university. Recommendations for next year: look into offering 1 day pass (\$15.00). Fall Conference Coordinator to approach key faculty members on board. To increase/enhance SIS involvement/participation to connect with Susan Allnut, Jamshid, Andy Large. Cost saving measure-approach local scholars for keynote.

Department Reps-DISE is organizing research exchange sessions. A forum where students can go and present (can be a work in progress) work. Students must clearly indicate and specify the feedback they are requesting to ensure academic rigour. Sarah in the process of creating a document for the department as an addendum to concerns raised by Lena and Erin (DISE/PGSS) regarding equitable funding for doctoral students. DISE introduced new incentive program for doctoral students. \$2,000. Will be awarded to PhD. Students who complete their comps.

Tayeb- reported on newly created program – Offering- support faculty on anything that pertains to funding.

PGSS Councilors-Felipe –no news to report

5. Elections for 2011-2012-Heather circulated Nomination Form-Candidates for nomination to present their platform at the General Assembly (GA). Plan to recruit committed and energetic people.
6. Grad Space-Lisa-former media centre-proposal for tele-conference centre-Education Faculty will know in September if funding has been received. Alternative plan to make space available to grad students. There are no available funds from department to purchase locked work station. Lisa to contact Renato Santosousso at Papetierie Les Enterprises (514-333-8129) to order five work stations and get space ready for September. Sarah reported room 416 has a vacant space for grad students. Additionally, there are

unused offices in the Coach House. Lisa to check with Pat.

7. Other business-Annual General Assembly –Tuesday, May 24th , 4:00pm-
reflection and vision for EGSS discussion.