

Education Graduate Students' Society

Wednesday November 10, 2010

2:00-4:00 pm (room 233)

Chair: Heather Phipps

Present: Sarah Glaser, Sarah DesRoches, Jason Hurley, Tayeb Altayeb, Jessica Toste, Liese Achtzehner, Hailey Sobel, Thuy Nguyen, Felipe Mendez, Sarah Ko.

Minutes: Lisa Nelson

Regrets: Marten, Sophia Kapchinsky, Olivia Leung.

The future depends on what we do in the present. Mohatma Ghandi

1. **Housekeeping-** No new items
2. **Approval of agenda-**Sarah motioned, Jason seconded-All approved.
3. **Minutes from last meeting** – October 15th
 - Approval-Thuy motioned, Lisa seconded-All approved.
 - Business arising
4. **Portfolio reports**
 - President –Conference Committee-Progress Report: Theme: Education Matters-Education and Beyond. Call for papers, deadline for submissions extended to 2nd week in January 2011. Confirmed Keynotes: Patrica Lamarre, UDM and David Bouchard, author and educator. Liese working on updating EGSS website.
 - VP Academic- Jessica-Travel Awards- Three (3) Award periods: November 1 to February 29, inclusive-October 15th –Application deadline (extended first week of November?, March 1 to June 30, inclusive-February 15th- Application deadline, and July 1 to October 31, inclusive-Application deadline, June 15th
 - VP Finance-Sophia regrets-Difficulty in making EGSS meeting before 4pm. Email sent to EGSS members: Please keep track of individual budget/ expenses. Sophia will/can meet with individuals for consultation. Please use excel sheet, and keep receipts. Sophia will meet with Conference committee next week regarding budget
 - VP Student Life-Hailey-EGSS Social on Thursday, November 18th-Karaoke-will send out information on listserve. (Hailey will be added as administrator to facebook). Hailey to tell TH bartenders 1 free drink ticket represents one glass of wine, ½ pint. Will get play list/song list for event.
 - VP Equity and Diversity-Sarah and Thuy reported that the last two seminars with Anthony Pare, Shirley Steinberg (Islamphobia) had an excellent turnout, 15-20 grad students. Unfortunately, due to work commitments Sarah will not be continuing next term. We thank her for the work she has done this semester for EGSS.

They reported a change to the original format of REF- to a more student-focused presentation format and name change to SREF where grad students can present their research in progress with “proposed preliminary findings”. Enrique Garcia, professor in Kinesiology who organizes the current REF series plans to handover the portfolio to EGSS-Diversity to finish off series. REF will probably discontinue next year. There was some discussion about the varied perspectives across academic communities- ECP tends to place value on “finished research and findings”, whereas DISE community values knowledge production and presentation of research as a process. The last seminar for 2010 will be held in December with a Panel on Disability, including Steve Shaw. Food will be provided.

- VP Information & Technology-Liese-updated the website-photos/bios. Looks awesome! Listserv-asking for feedback-forwarding message without preamble. Jessica asked about Newsletter which in the past included EGSS/ updates generating mid-month (15th of each month). Need to make sure we are not violating our constitution. Any messages about travel awards, conference can go out separately. Heather to resend constitution information EGSS and we will discuss at next meeting.
- Conference-Sarah Ko reported “everything is going smoothly”. Still needs to prepare budget and present at next EGSS council meeting.
- Department reps – ECP-Jason reports-department meeting
- tomorrow-no news.
- DISE-Sarah reports that Felipe and Tayeb attended the last Grad. Program DISE department meeting in her absence. Felipe reported on the Comparative Education Conference being held next year. International Education and Curriculums. Education Which Liberates. Broad themes. Welcoming volunteers to read proposals. The submission deadline has been extended to Nov. 20th. Tayeb reported update from the department meeting. Lots of changes reflective of “financial climate”. Changes are being made to coursework (to add-TEFL-teaching, reading writing will be split into 2 courses). Any courses outside of the program students will have to pay extra (unless program committee states they are required). DISE is losing the Writing Centre. Continuing Education is proposing/developing a new writing course, but will not research focused. Also, no extensions will be granted to Ph.D. students after 6 years. Students would be asked to withdraw from the department. (Should be noted: McGill does not receive government funds after 6 years). Student Fees would be Pro-rated after suspension. Ranking-time of completion. Tayeb reported from the Graduate Program Committee (GPC) meeting of last week. Research Methods course EDEM 690 with a second language focus will be shelved. Jessica (VP Academic) reported GPC did a review and will be streamlining research methods courses to save money. Friday, Nov. 12th- Steve Jordan organized symposium of Indigenous Scholars (Coach House, room 200).
- SIS-Nicholas-absent-nothing to report
- KPE-Marten absent. No report.

- PGSS Councilors-Felipe-no report-was not at last mtg. Principal has been campaigning for tuition hike. PGSS distributed survey. A slight increase of \$7.00/student fees to pay for additional mental health services/medical staff. Only two doctors currently available to all Grad. Students. Application for grants ongoing. Details in newsletter.
5. **Space**-study space for students and EGSS student lounge-Lisa. B180/former Media Centre-Lisa to meet with Jamshid and Pat. Requested meeting-awaiting confirmation. Made contact with furniture company-carrels (secure desk units-custom built \$500/unit). B180 can comfortably hold 6 units. Permanent Place for displaying artwork and student projects. Installations/exhibitions of work in Education Building-Lisa N. and Michelle to f/u.
 6. **Health and Safety**. Lisa reported concern about the outside staircase leading to McTavish that has been closed off for 6 months, cigarettes butts strewn about patio. To ask Manual about sand/ashtrays. 6th floor Grad. Student Lounge.-Lisa reported students leaving unwashed dishes, messy countertops, expired food in fridge, etc. EGSS council to take turns doing a weekly check/cleanup of lounge-Lisa N. to distribute cleaning schedule to members. To follow-up on Sarah Glaser's concern about Coach House-no garbage or recycling.
 7. **Other business** Council social dinner in December. Heather to do a doodle and send out.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 3, 2-4pm in room 233