

Education Graduate Student Society (EGSS)
October 15, 2010
2:00-4:00 pm (room 233)

Chair: Heather Phipps

Present: Hailey Sobel, Masatoshi Sato, Tayeb Altayeb, Sarah DesRoches, Liese Achtzehner, Jessica Toste, Heather Phipps, Jason Harley

Regrets: Felipe Mendez, Thuy Nguyen, Sophia Kapchinsky, Sarah Ko, Olivia Leung, Sarah Glaser, Martin Picard

Minutes: Lisa Nelson

You must be the change you wish to see in the world. Mohatma Ghandi

1. **Housekeeping**

- Regrets

2. **Approval of agenda**-Nicholas motioned, Tayib seconded, All approved.

3. **Minutes from last meeting** – September 8th

- Approval-Jason motioned, Masatoshi seconded, All approved.
- Business arising

4. **Minutes from General Assembly** – October 6th

- Jason motioned, Liese seconded, All approved

5. **Portfolio reports**

President's Report: Dean's Mtg. Heather reported on Goals and Priorities of EGSS-

EGSS Conference-Elizabeth Wood-Academic Dean suggested EGSS include/connect EdUS students. Discussed offering reduced rate to undergrads (to include food) and volunteer opportunities during the days of conference, and perhaps providing a workshop and lunch to undergrads specifically.

Regular Rate: \$35.00, EdUS \$15. (to be discussed with faculty and conference committee)

Sarah DesRoches to get feedback from her undergrads-Would they attend?

Heather received email about food waste from Dean's office. It was suggested leftover food delivered to shelter (though most programs won't accept "fresh food items"-EGSS has always shared leftover food with our students. Will plan and develop a policy to deliver food after conference.

Conference dates: Dean asked if we would consider changing our EGSS conference date to coincide with Faculty of Ed. Symposium on Comparative Education planned for April-May 2011. Jessica suggested we collaborate with EdUS. There are more students at McGill in March for the student conference. Sarah Desroches made excellent point that our conference is low key. Jessica suggested winner of EGSS presents at spring symposium or CISE conf.?

President / VP Academic-Jessica-no news to report from ABC, RGS (Research Grad. Committee)-McGill is transferring the \$ to each department/unit to be used at their discretion. Thus, \$20,000. could go to "recruiting" one student. There is no guarantee that each new ECP student will get Provost. Student Referees renamed as Student Exchange Forum. Upcoming ABC's of PhDs, Oct. 21st 12-1:30pm Antony Pare on Academic Writing. Linda McNeil from Ethics will present workshop in November.

VP Finance-Sophia-regrets-but did send form for submitting receipts.

VP Student Life-Hailey-Wine & Cheese-feedback-more advertising required. Jason reported difficult during grant writing period as the combined GM/Social was a large block of time. Next Social: Karaoke-Nov. 18th

VP Equity and Diversity-Thuy/Sarah-not present-next speak on Equity-Shirley Steinberg- Thursday 28th

VP Information & Technology-Liese reported the EGSS desktop is on its way. A laptop has been purchased; to download software. When sending email to listserve, please send email to Liese so that she can monitor incoming/outgoing messages. **Jessica reminded to "relook at constitution to make sure what we are sending out"**.

Department reps – ECP- Jason-departmental meeting issues are restricted to dept. or program director-Jessica sugg. Talking with people.

DISE- Sarah did not attend last meeting. Felipe attended. Big issue student space. Provost Award-Department has \$40,000., but not sure at this time how funds will be disbursed next year. It has been acknowledged that a portion of these funds need to go to recruiting the "star candidate". Sarah to develop funding "packages" and send out via email to EGSS. Special consideration to be given to International students who cannot apply for external funding.

SIS-Nicholas-nothing to report. Heather suggested promoting EGSS Conference within unit.

KPE-Martin-absent-no report.

PGSS Councilors-Masatoshi-PGSS-1st meeting.-Tayeb-Awaiting minutes (fast paced meeting). He has attended 2 meetings. Report- PGSS trying to push for a motion to change number of councilors from ECP-3, DISE-3, SIS-3, KPE-1 to maximum of 2 reps for "proportional" representation from all units.

6. **EGSS Goals and Priorities**-Heather-goals and priorities presented.

Conference committee-Heather – Update on planning first conference mtg. 10 people present-next mtg. Thursday, October 21, 1:30-3:00pm, ideas for keynotes/theme

Printing-posters-send Sarah DesRoches details-Sarah has contact Potential Sponsor-Paragraphe, McGill Bookstore

7. **Other Business**-Space/Allocation of space to Grad. Students.

Basement, B180-Lisa to get to Pat Jackson re: covering/sharing costs for lockable units (\$500./unit). Lisa reported the space can comfortably fit 8 units. Also, made the appeal for all GRAD. Students, priority should not be given to

PhD students. Jessica suggested a random draw for (8) students.

Also, Lisa to check in with Pat re: "old media" centre-last Space Meeting was in May 2010-Pat reported a "new grad space" in old media space would be allocated/designed.

Sarah DesRoches reported that the space in Room 416 needs to be re-assessed as students using space have other space in other rooms but storing their stuff taking up "free space".

Jessica reported that an "open space" for Grad. Students in the Coach House was proposed, however this idea never came to fruition.

Student Refs.-Faculty of Ed. Student Committee. For Doctoral Studies in Education. Overlapping with Diversity/Equity-deferred to next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 @ 2pm in room 233