

## **EGSS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MARCH 2012 Coach House**

### **Presence:**

Executive council members: Jason, Cherie, Moksha, Michelle, Mark, Kingyan/Ivy, Moon-Jeong

Conference committee members: Manisha, Manisha

EGSS members: (DISE) Steve, Alex, Fernada, Rosalind, Rima, Helen, Carl, Lily, (ECP) Gregory

**Late:** Najme, Cora-Lee, Felipe, Mike

**Regrets:** Yana, Eve, Sophia, Cory, Daniella, Marianne, Emily, Sabrina, Melissa

Time: 2:30p.m.-5:30p.m.

Lily: gave an update on PGSS

-PGSS strike route,

- strike party (Mar 20, 12)

-mar 20: breakfast:

-a series of events next week: talk, etc.

-more info on the PGSS website: e.g. strike route...

-EGSS mobilisation group: today at 6:00 to recruit volunteer. 1625 (7.5 km) marathon tomorrow;

-breakfast, lunch, & dinner provided during the 3-day strike.

Lily: call for rescheduling of work during 3-day strike

Jason: ECP: meeting to discuss what measures meant.

Mark: Kinesiology Faculty did not vote on the consequence of the vote. Will do according to (if there is a vote).

Moksha: questioned the reason for using EGSS listserv to email update about mobilization of the tuition hike strike.

Jason: emailed the faculty, but not receive reply from faculty members.

Lily: good if things are discussed at this AGM, so that EGSS can state its' position and measures.

Moksha: stated the importance of sending out information to raise the awareness of the strike.

Steve: asked about the point of discussion.

Fernada:

X: urged EGSS AGM to vote

Michelle & Cherie: agreed to email EGSS's position.

Michelle: suggested promoting on Facebook

Jason: helped heather to clarify the reason for sending out info late.

Rosalind: suggested having 48 hours of turnaround time for delivering information.

Alex: questioned; urged shifting the discussion from discussing issues within the context of a "ill-performed" (according to him) operation within an institutional context moving onto possible actions led by EGSS in order to see things happened today and the next day.

Heather: xx (to be discussed in the next council meeting): to review EGSS's way of delivery of information.

X: suggested a strike vote:

Moksha: wanted to put in the motion: was going to request to re-amend the constitution.

Lily: PGSS: no need for a hierarchical relationship between PGSS & EGSS

Heather: put forward a motion: to send out message about strike in time; to inform students about the breakfast; include a note, vote whether or not to continue the strike.

All pass.

H: the motion passed.

Heather: motion brought up by Alex.

Alex: bring forward the motion: questioned the positions of students in the Faculty of Education regarding the strike (250000 on strike):

-motion: to hold a general meeting next week, and to hold a renewable strike (and to vote it); need to include students out of Quebec province, and international students;

Heather: mostly DISE, 2 from ECP, 1 from Kinesiology, 0 from SIS?.

Jason: ECP students are informed of the strike. There's nothing wrong for other students to be respected for their views and freedom to have different perspectives.

Rima: it's fair to discuss different views, regardless of the representation of certain students.

Lily: pointed out the danger of representing a certain view from

Ex-VP internal: has to be agreed, either secret ballot, or online-vote

Fernada: online vote excludes dialogue.

Jason: representation means. People in ECP have classes and are difficult to come to meetings. There should be an **online vote**, confine vote at a specific physical space excludes a lot of meetings.

Heather: also a lot of students working out of McGill.

X: called for a combination of online vote and dialogue.

Moksha: motion: separate GA and discussion on the method of voting.

Steve: don't support online vote: It's a timeliness issue and setting-up online vote takes time

Rosalind: EGSS has the responsibility of mobilizing students with regard to strike

Jason: 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting about the dialogue on strike. Supports online vote.

Mark: agree with Jason, vote for students who want to vote but do not have a strong opinion.

Motion: to hold another GA to discuss the structures, rules, other recent issues. The main priority is to discuss tuition strike, and to vote a renewable strike [in the evening]. Whether to hold the meeting next week? Five-day renewable strike and vote at another GA.

Pass: 17/23

Objection: x

GA: Hold the meeting next week, in the evening, after 5.

Jason: stated that the proportion of student representation is necessary

X:

Lily: suggested to have 2% from each department.

Jason: agreed.

Steve: recommend at the graduate student level; was never operate like that; it's the responsibility to

Lily: have legitimacy; not meant to have legitimacy.

Add that to revisiting to the constitution: add 2% representation

Rima:

Cora: taught a course about election system in political science; it reflects the values of the importance of the vote. Having each department an; need to figure out another avenue to get students out; which is a technical issue. By virtue, people who don't show up just ; voting via that representation is problematic; the PGSS councilors have the responsibility to mobilize students. They have a week to

Alex: agreed with Cora. Need to talk about how it's going to play out.

Steve: questioned the ways PGSS councilors communicate with the students in their department.

Helen: shifted back to the forum.

Lily: they are changing : not only setting the vote to 1%, but also the minimum numbers of vote.

Mark: agreed to have the 2%.

Steve: arguing against the issue of more weight. The GA should be for all, not to having more weight to Councilors.

Lily: said no to Steve's point, as that was not what she meant.

Jason: suggested other ways: collection of signatures to accommodate those who are not available.

Moksha: needed to go back to what our quorum means.

Charlotte: having 10%, to have it more legitimacy.

Fernada: suggested 4%

X: numbers are not important. Keep the 2% as the same thing.

Rosalind: questions the values of motions being held hierarchies.

Heather: agreed

Steve: put forward a motion: to vote on the 2% and move on the discussion.

Najme: either 2% or 10% doesn't matter, mobilization matters.

Steve: motion on Quorum: vote on whether keep the current 2% forum. In favour or against?

Majority vote: 14/21

Cora-Lee: stated directions attention to the value of vote, reminded not to discuss less important things such as the proportion of a Quorum; don't think Quorum is a way to discuss technicality.

Fernada: forward a motion for Roberts' rules; motion for checking everyone is Education students.

Cora-Lee: to compile a summary of Robert's rules.

Rosalind: email Robert's rules because it's time-sensitive.

Heather: will email before midnight; black-and-white free photocopies.

Heather: encouraged students to participate, but not force.

Steve: to get volunteer from each department,

Jason: has been working to communicate people

Manisha: questioned about the neutrality/ position of the poster

Mike: agreed. To put both positions on the poster.

Alex: did not agree.

AGM: come and vote on this renewable strike. Need to attend meeting to vote (secret ballot or voting cards)

Rima: suggested the need to get on track.

Cherie: emphasized the need that there is a vote.

Steve: discussed a few technicalities. My question: suggestion having Jack Cram

look for room for next Monday? (Cora-Lee will find out time at Jack Cram next week

discussion of time:

X: - at U de M, there are arrangements made by the teachers.

Jason: it is left to the faculty members; suggested having arrangements for letting students go voting in the middle of class.

Heather: suggested sending out message: for those who cannot come, they can send comments to make it anonymous.

Jason:

Rima: what is missing in his dialogue is respect...

Helen: feels unreasonable for people feel uncomfortable not to agree. That happens all in class.

Mike: they can still vote although they do not feel comfortable.

Steve:

Rosalind: to have both options, both secret ballot and XXX

-President Heather: announcement: purchased seven desks

-VP Academic Moksha: push forward a motion to amend the constitution, and FALL GA. Suggesting approval amending the constitution.

All passed.

-Cora-Lee: needs to review the online-vote system

-VP Diversity & Equity Cherie: received good feedback from participants and audiences.

-VP info & Tech: Mike: updated two times a month.

-VP student life Najme: end of the year celebration; Cirque du Soliel (\$20-25 if more than \$50)

- 1. DISE Dept Rep: Felipe, Faculty Council decided to extend the motion-no penalty to the strike; motion proposed in council by a faculty member that—motion is being worded, (DISE Department Council)

-[Steve: corrected to denounce the disciplinary action. Three profs are looking at it and rephrase the language. [Fernada asked if EGSS would support the denouncement for solidarity, echoed by Cora-Lee]

- Steve: suggested don't wait for the faculty letter.

-Rosalind: echoed

-Cora-Lee: to put the motion draft a letter to support from EGSS.

-17/21

-2. Another issues funding: and trying to get transparency; DISE talk: ( how to get hired); moving forward with awards from students on funding decisions. Lise will be looking into those. Some community service to be recognized. Might be available in May.

-ECP Dept Rep: Jason: trying to get more faculty-wise international student support program; invited feedback from students on faculty;

-KPE Dept Rep: Mark: took over from Martin, will promote about a GA next week

SIS Dept Rep: n/a

PGSS Councilors: Cora-Lee: felt the information was not getting to EGSS as soon as possible; should review the ways; believed in values in disseminating information. Kingyan agreed.

Conference coordinator: Michelle: took place on Mar 9 & 10, 12, 180 participants. Accommodated 90 presenters; good place for networking with administrators, faculty members, and community leaders; received good feedback about the first keynote speaker from the University of Toronto; received people about being interested in being on the conference committee.

Election: submit your EGSS nominations to EGSS by April 15.