

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, (10:00-12:30)**

### **Meeting 2 – EGSS student lounge**

#### **Executives**

**President** Fernanda Soler, **VP Diversity and Equity** rosalind hampton, **VP Student Life** Zahra Jalili, **DISE Rep** Stephen Peters, **PGSS councillor** Cora-Lee Conway, **Conference Coordinator** Charlotte Sachs

#### **Regrets**

**Conference Coordinator** Melissa Stern, **Conference Coordinator** MJ Kim, **MATL Representative** Riley Drever, **VP Academic** Moksha Serrano, **ECP Rep** Kevin Dugas

#### **Meeting start time**

10:15

\*\*As there is no council quorum at the meeting, council members present agree on setting up a survey monkey survey to make decisions\*\*

#### **1. Approval of the agenda August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

- a. 3b is made 5c

#### **2. Approval of minutes of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- a. Decision: Approved by all present, approved officially pending.
- b. In regards to minute taking practice, all council members present agree that decisions and action items will be recorded in the minutes. We will not keep records of the details in the conversations, because of the subjective nature of recording conversations.

#### **3. Business arising from the minutes**

- a. Action items re. MLISSA (3 d in minutes) 'How MLISSA can contribute to EGSS'
  - i. They proposed to contribute financially if registration fees waved.
  - ii. They would be willing to help in conference if scope directed more towards SIS. Proposal: There are different ways in which this could be done: the SIS department may want to cover fees or MLISSA might want to cover student registration fees. Council agrees on moving this discussion to conference point (SIS can participate in conference coordination). SIS will be treated similar to student association outside of EGSS.

- b. Label for student lounge (6 b in minutes): Who will take care of label project? (get labels, take care of signage). Cora offers to cover.
  - c. Lamps from student lounge (6 c in minutes)
    - i. Decision: buy lamps for the study space room because it is too dark. No specific agreement on amount to be spent.
  - d. Press release (9 a in minutes)
    - i. The press release was sent out July 18<sup>th</sup>. The McGill Daily did not reply to our e-mail asking them to publish the press release.  
Action point: contact McGill Daily again.
  - e. Logo of the society (9 c in minutes)
    - i. Decision: adopt the new logo from now on, but EGSS will seek feedback/input during the first GA.
- 4. Business arising from additional information emailed July 24<sup>th</sup>:** PGSS council meeting updates, Faculty Council meeting updates & meeting with the dean of students on student code of conduct.
- a. Student code of conduct: Now there will be a longer consultative process. Question about what concrete action will be taken to ensure student representation. Doesn't speak to grad students. Recognition of students as workers. As a result of the meeting with the dean, there will be an extended consultation process and an opportunity for grad students to be involved. To get involved, the contact person is PGSS VP Academic, Adam Bouchard. EGSS need to work to get representation on student code of conduct consultative committee(s).
  - b. PGSS Council update: Most relevant updates from last meeting: Special General Assemblies can be called within 5 (from 10) days. Quorum reduced at PGSS council. Library Improvement Fund (LIF) money follow up at last PGSS council. Should EGSS PGSS councillors focus on changes in LIF, philosophy behind collecting and saving money and using that money for building improvement (perhaps money should be spent on supporting graduate publishing). Cora is sitting on Senate library committee.
  - c. Faculty Council Meeting Update: question: was discussion on new hires? No.
  - d. AGSEM Update: Rosalind will cover in her equity report.
- 5. Available funds for next year**
- a. BMO account balance is provided
    - i. Insurance policy bought by EGSS in October 2010.
      - 1. Update: We're trying to get out of insurance coverage since we're already covered by PGSS. This is taking \$1063.92/year from our budget. It might be possible not only to stop insurance premiums, but also to

reimburse retroactively since Oct, 2011. Purchased because conference possibly for liquor license. Worst-case scenario, we won't be able to cancel until Oct. 2012, or thereafter; best-case scenario: EGSS will be reimbursed.

- b. Student-life fund for 2012-2013 academic year
  - i. Update: EGSS will count on a budget of \$15 000 to \$16 000/year without MLISSA contribution. Need to come up with EGSS budget before next council. Since less students, it is proposed to cut by percentage or by items. The 2012-2013 budget will need to be a joint effort because there is no VP finance at this point.
- c. DISE rep suggestion regarding use of BMO account (4 b in minutes)
  - i. Decision: there will be two different budget proposals re. the two sources of funds at EGSS (both BMO account and SLF)

#### **6. Individual portfolios budget proposals:**

- a. VP diversity and equity
  - i. Action plan and proposal for budget presented
- b. VP student life
  - i. Brainstorming of ideas and questions: will wine & cheese events continue? Are there any other ways to build community?
  - ii. Action point: VP student life will look for input on concrete ideas via e-mail and facebook
- c. Other/s (?)
  - i. No other portfolios propose budgets.

#### **7. Conference 2013**

- a. Update: Discussions on collaboration with Concordia. The goal has been set of making it free, but final decisions can't be made until revenue is determined. Dean's office has been contacted.
- b. Question: Size of Concordia smaller, smaller faculty, smaller attendance; smaller scale – space limited

#### **8. Website**

- a. new page
  - i. President presents of new website. Web address: [eggs.mcgill.ca](http://eggs.mcgill.ca)
  - ii. Action point: URL address in which the site is currently hosted will be distributed among council members. Comments / suggestions can be sent via email.

- b. news (not dealt with last meeting): the website has a news section. Council members can log in and write news.
- c. minutes(not dealt with last meeting)
  - i. Decision: EGSS will post minutes on website. EGSS will also post council member reports on website if available.
- d. (new point) Communication
  - i. Action: adding positions emails with eggs extension. EGSS will look into the feasibility of this.

### **9. Constitutional Committee**

- a. Update of last meetings:
  - i. The entire document has been examined, and proposed changes to all/most of the articles have been made
  - ii. There will be merging of some articles. There will be major revisions of some of the articles.
- b. Input from council members
  - i. The ad-hoc constitutional committee will seek council member support in the re-writing process.

### **10. PGSS activity manual amendments to increase EGSS participation**

- a. Role of PGSS councillors
- b. Formation of an ad-hoc committee to propose changes to PGSS council
  - i. Action: form a committee to propose amendments to manual to increase EGSS membership in PGSS council.

### **11. Use of study space in room B-180**

- a. Decision: Callout for use of study space until the end of summer. New or same procedure for assigning space for fall semester. Follow steps to engage mechanisms.

### **12. Current award application forms**

- a. Issue: Intrusive application forms, requiring information that is not being used in the selection process (random selection process). Question: Why random draw?
- b. Decision: award application forms need to be revised. VP academic is expected to lead this process.

**13. Reports from council members**

- a. Proposal: Very brief oral report from council meeting at beginning of council meetings.  
Not passed.
- b. Decision: Send short written reports to secretary 8 days before council to be sent with agenda.
- c. (new point) Update: Student lead DISE mentoring initiative is in the works. Have asked for EGSS support, but types of support are to be discussed.

**Meeting is adjourned at 1pm.**