

EGSS Council Meeting Minutes (2-4:30pm)

Meeting 5 EDUC 233

Present: Tom; Moksha; Cora; Stephen; Rachel; Charlotte; Shalaka, Stephanie, Norah.
Skype: Fernanda and Lerona,

Absent: Zhara, Rosalind, Yana, Riley, Danny

Not enough voting members for quorum (Need 7.5, had 7)

1. Approval of the December 3rd Agenda, 2012
2. Approval of minutes of November 5th, 2012
3. Faculty council business [5 minutes]

Cora-Lee: submitted for 2 agenda items for faculty council:

1. Anti-oppression statement on every syllabus in Faculty of Education courses
2. FEDEC report about the status of equity and diversity in the faculty of education, the report was never released and the findings were never released so Rosalind made a motion to have that released to have a baseline understanding of these issues and how they affect education students
 - a. Can't vote on it to bring it forward because we don't have quorum, send it on behalf of Rosalind rather than as EGSS
 - b. Action: Send out the anti-oppression statement as a survey monkey and the second vote is a motion to put forward the immediate release on the FEDEC study
 - c. To be sent out by Wednesday and have it turned around by Friday. However it's already been sent out an a motion.
 - d. Follow-up: Do we have any examples of other universities that are doing this? Get those.
4. PGSS Council Representation (Appendix 2) [20 mins]
 - a. Findings: EGSS has only 3 seats. (Mac campus – They have gained PGSS member representation by leaving EGSS). Have to have a membership of more than a 100 students to have that max 3

councillors with 800+ members and still only have 3 PGSS council members. Still recommend to not change the current structure. A potential motion to bring this back to a committee to consider this allocation. Need 3 voting members on wednesday night for the representation vote (Cora-Lee, Moksha and Stephen). Motion to move the motion up in the agenda because it's at the end of the agenda right now, don't want to lose quorum before the motion actually comes up. Whenever it gets brought to council, it's going to be the only chance to bring it to council because if it doesn't get the right response now there won't be another chance however if it gets brought to the committees first it may fare better. Clearly articulates now that most GSA's are underrepresented in the council. May have to re-word the submission.

5. Business arising from minutes [6 minutes]
 - a. ATI and letter of complaint about bringing the tuition deadline for first-years to later on. Budget – operational expenditures are there.
 - b. Departmental listservs: One listserv isn't working. CC: the department reps and contact Jacinthe directly. Use the EGSS account because the mcgill email doesn't hold a lot of emails.
6. EGSS Travel Awards Update [5 minutes]
 - a. 1 student received \$500
 - b. ECP and KPE won the award but representation from all 3 departments
 - c. Dr. Rassier liked the idea of having the statement about students with funding less than \$15000/year will get priority for these awards.
7. Upcoming cyclical unit review within the Faculty of Education for DISE[10 minutes]
 - a. Is it a concern that the professors from McGill that are reviewing the DISE department are “too close to home”? In past experiences

other committees have a wider array of professors. The make-up of the (internal) committee is one from DISE, ECP and SIS. This review happens every 5 years. How are students given opportunity to give feedback and what is the representation of the committee? Graduate students can talk for 1 hour and undergraduate students can talk for 1 hour. If you wanted to add things later on you could send that to the chair to provide more feedback afterwards. Discussions around funding, diversity, academics, etc. Action: Look into the process and the composition of the these review committees (what type of faculty members are they looking for? Is there a requirement for each faculty, school, department)

8. Coordination of the EGSS Newsletter [10 minutes]
 - a. Fill out a form on google to fill out information (who, what, where, when, why) so that a newsletter can be put out in January
 - b. Useful for the conference committee and other various events.
 - c. Is this something people would use? Need feedback.
 - d. Stephen: often students are last minute are that is how they organize things, so is it worthwhile? Cora: develop a template for what goes into the newsletter such as standing items, travel award dates, etc. There are many things that we will know months in advance that should be there. What actually constitutes as to going into the newsletter? Need a mandate or idea behind the newsletter. Lerona: other student organizations that want to promote their stuff or is it just EGSS stuff? Need to consult the constitution for the listserv's to see what is the adequate use of information.
 - e. Department reps will send things to Tom if they think they are relevant to other departments.
 - f. Re-open the discussion in January
9. Open Mic (Wine & Cheese) Event (Appendix 1) [15 minutes]

- a. Charlotte has gone through the security workshops but cannot be present on the day of the event. Call-out to students at EGSS who have this security training and pay this person to do it and/or undergraduate students who could work.
- b. Will include faculty members as well as graduate students as this is the only event however this will incur more costs. Can we get money from the faculty? Could the call-out include visual arts as well?
- c. A theme may not be necessary because an open mic is a theme in itself.
- d. Get this out for the January (18th around) newsletter. Either French or English for the newsletter

10. EGSS Conference Update [10 minutes]

- a. Conference Chair and Coordinators Update
 - i. Confirmed: funding from the office of the dean, SIS, KPE, DISE. Only waiting on ECP. Theme is set. Keynote: Jill Taylor (IGS). Call for papers will be going out soon.
- b. DISE department update in regards to the Conference
 - i. DISE Faculty meeting: Someone from the committee to come speak to the faculty in order to highlight DISE related projects. Money from faculty to support this?
- c. Panel discussion for professional development: David Syncox from Skillsets helping to put this together but also looking for some faculty representatives.
- d. Potential “pay what you can” at the conference so keeping the costs low and optional to contribute some monetary help.

Anti-oppression statement approval via survey monkey

Lerona has a document to be addressed in the January meeting

Need a secretary position, no response to the EGSS account – another call-out

Tom will send the call-out to the Education Undergraduate society and each dept rep will send it out