

## Council E-Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2013 (20:15-)

### Meeting 10 – Online

#### Council members

**President** Fernanda Soler Urzua, **Conference Chair** Charlotte Sachs, **VP Diversity & Equity** rosalind hampton, **PGSS Councillor** Cora-Lee Conway, **VP Finance** Lerona Lewis

**Regrets, MATL Representative** Riley Drever, **VP Academic** Moksha Serrano, **ECP Representative** Steffi Mathes, **DISE Representative** Marcia Malcom, **DISE Representative** Stephen Peters, **KPE Representative** Nora Macmillan, **VP Communication** Tom Fullerton, **MLISSA Representative** Rachel Legaspi, **VP Student-Life** Zahra Jalili.

#### No Quorum

1. GA logistics
  - a. Motions to amend constitution – Appendix A
    - i. Change ‘business days’ to ‘school days,’ since some business days are over breaks, e.g. reading week
    - ii. **Should PGSS members share a vote?** They already have to share a vote elsewhere, but it’s not very easy. Also, since they were elected by the membership, they should be able to represent them by voting.
    - iii. **Should we grant voting rights to AGSEM?** It’s a good idea, but then our quorum will be increased. This will only be if the seats are filled. It’s hard for delegates to also attend EGSS meetings...so many meetings. Part of the rationale when the constitution was being written was that if one individual is already a voting member on another body, they should not have voting rights on council, but we’ve had a year to try that out and see how it works. Part of what we have is a lack of ‘hands on deck,’ so we need delegates to do more than just come and give updates. If they are part of the decision-making process they will inherently be more involved.
    - iv. **Re: access to emails** – Only one person is responsible for emails for the EGSS conference, which makes things much easier. But having two people able to access the account does not mean that both of those people should be in charge of answering emails. It is much more convenient and efficient for only one person to manage correspondence. The issue of access is really ‘just in case’ of some sort of emergency or unforeseen incidence of the person responsible being away.
    - v. **Issue of one person holding more than one seat** – Goal should really be to have more bums in seats. In the case that this

is unavoidable, it isn't really fair for one person to have two votes. Just because someone is serving in two capacities, doesn't mean that their opinion is worth twice as much as someone else. Definitely something that we should resolve in council, but we don't really have time to come up with an amendment to the constitution before the agenda for the GA goes out.

vi. Who else would like to put their names as the mover of the motions? Since we don't have quorum, we can't do it as council.

1. Cora-lee Conway
2. Lerona Lewis
3. Charlotte Sachs
4. rosalind hampton

b. Volunteers for signup table & EGSS member list  
i. Fernanda & Lerona

c. Rules of order & Chair

- i. Gretchen King will be chair
- ii. Rules & order will be much less strict this year.

2. Financial statement & budget update – Appendix B

- a. Update: We have more money than anticipated. Re-allocation of funds have been proposed.
- b. Travel awards have been beefed up
- c. Lounge & study space are going to be improved.
- d. Needs-based award has also been added – often very difficult to decide who should be eligible. It would be nice if we could do this without having to look at people's financial statements. We could accept 'Letters of intent' from people to make their cases. Should preference be given to parents?
  - i. We can put forward a motion at the GA for this

3. Bids for translation of the constitution – Appendix C

- a. We have 3 bids, one of whom has no experience, which is a bad idea. The lowest price is also the most experienced person and most qualified for this type of translation. He also identifies as homosexual in his cover letter.
- b. Guillaume wins!

4. Meeting with the Dean's Office

- a. EGSS officers who attended the meeting with the Dean and Associate Deans of the Faculty of Education provided an update of the meeting.
- b. EGSS officers brought forward concerns to the meeting, such as funding cuts, low participation and little support of the Office of the Dean in EGSS events, and the purpose of the meeting itself.

- c. The Interim Associate Dean Infrastructure talked about the new website the Faculty of Education is building and expressed interest in knowing how our website was built and how the information was organized. He also talked about furniture in classrooms in the ed. Faculty.
- d. EdUS officers talked about fundraising events they have been undertaking for a couple of years with Dans la rue.
- e. No minutes were taken at the meeting. There are no minutes available from previous meetings either, as we were informed by the Dean.