

## Meeting Minutes

September 24<sup>th</sup> 2012, (2:30PM-4:30PM)

EGSS General Assembly – Arts 150

### 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, **Chair** Joel Pednault

### Regrets

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

**Minutes Taken by:** Kylie Szymesko, SIS

### **Meeting start time**

2:50PM

#### **1. Introductions by Chair**

- a. Joel – Proposing relaxed rules of order

#### **2. Approval of the agenda**

- a. No motions to change the agenda
- b. No oppositions

#### **3. Welcome message from the President**

- a. Fernanda: Things done so far this year
- b. Improvements in the study space, making the new constitution, built a new EGSS website, keeping the Facebook page up to date.
- c. Upcoming: Streamline Travel Awards (Applications), VP Diversity and Equity, Events
- d. Rules of Order, feel free to interrupt, relaxed rules. Eye contact plus wave/raise hand.
- e. *Question:* Concerned about equality when it comes to grants and travel awards. Needs based funding, etc.

i. *Answer:* It was random last year. What to not go into details so much on the applications. Maybe not do a random draw, start a discussion about other considerations. Use a process for feedback

ii. Form a committee? No. Ad-Hoc committee for EGSS awards and fellowships?

Moved to be put in a motion later on.

#### **4. Introduction of New Council**

- a. Stephen, DISE Rep.
- b. Rosalind, DISE member and VP, Equity and Diversity
- c. Cora, PGSS Rep
- d. Zahra, VP Student Life
- e. Moksha, DISE
- f. Charlotte, Conference Coordinator
- g. MK, Conference Coordinator
- h. Tom, Running for Tech Coordinator/Communication Officer

#### **5. Introduction**

- a. Tom and Danny
- b. Danny, Running for Conference Coordinator (Part 4)
- c. Elections will run from Sept 27-30<sup>th</sup> 2012

#### **6. Motions for new Constitution**

- a. Introduction of Robert's Rules
- b. New Constitution Committee of the whole:** no questions, no opposition
  - i. New Constitution meant to make things easier. Some notable changes;
    - 1. Translated the name
    - 2. Principles and Objectives
    - 3. Rewrote membership
    - 4. Council, no more executive. No dual structure.
    - 5. Meetings, rules
    - 6. Removed position of secretary, no voting rights. Done by an outside member.
    - 7. Formalized General Assemblies and rules.
  - ii. This would replace the previous constitution.
  - iii. Have 1 main conference representative.

iv. Rules around using the listserv.

v. **Passed**

c. **Adoption of New Constitution:** no questions/interventions, no opposition.

i. **Passed**

d. **VP Academic duties in new Constitution:** no interventions, no opposition

i. Moksha: reasons why to pass this motion

ii. **Passed**

e. **DISE Rep. duties in new Constitution:** 2 question, no opposition

i. Could write in other members/representatives at the next GA

ii. **Passed**

f. **Typographical errors in new Constitution:** no questions/interventions, no opposition

i. **Passed**

## 7. Motions on Budget

a. **Budget committee of the whole**

i. Very similar to last year, activity based budget, secretary honorarium.

ii. Cora explains the budget

iii. Question period.

1. Solidarity fund, how did they come up with these numbers?

a. Unused excess funds, profit they knew they were likely to have based on last year's funds and donations. Unused funding can be allocated elsewhere. Increase transparency.

2. Is it higher or lower than last year for conference expenses?

a. Lower at the moment, could get more.

**b. Motion to extend the committee of the whole for 5 minutes.**

c. We are missing 400\$ because of the loss of SIS students.

d. Part time students are now paying the full 10\$, not sure if making more or less than last year.

3. How will the budget pass?

a. It's a conservative budget right now.

4. Targeting students for the conference?

a. Free for EGSS students (in discussion).

5. Council Related Expenses?

- a. Last year 768\$ from welcome lunch, dinner, GA, meetings
- b. Decided to do things more conservatively this year. ex. Potlucks

**b. Adoption of the Budget**

i. No debate, no amendments, no opposition.

**ii. Passed**

**c. Use of internal account**

i. No debate, no amendments, no opposition.

**ii. Passed**

**8. Motions for Other Business**

**a. Logo**

- i. Opposition to 10 minute discussion; motioned to shorten to 5 minutes.
- ii. Suggestion – include the French name.
- iii. Put it online to get feedback
- iv. Trouble with colour contrast
- v. Have a black and white version for print
- vi. Hard to read on a large screen because of the black on red
- vii. Have multiple version of the logo in different formats
- viii. No motions proposed and no more interventions

**b. French translation on EGSS documents**

- i. Question about budget for translations?
- ii. Cora: Suggest tabling the motion because of lack of range of pricing, should have an estimate of what it would take to maintain the French Constitution. Get more feedback.
- iii. Rosalind: Concerned that this is a little pressing, feels problematic to not have it for the new school year.
- iv. Carl: Doesn't really matter what the cost, will do it anyway.
- v. Fernanda: Amendment for the council to find a reasonably priced translation.
- vi. "PGSS will use funds to pay for translation after having brought it to tender and solicited bids from at least three translators, priority being given to EGSS members." (Y12-1-10: French Translation)
- vii. Stephen: Look within the membership first. Find a way to do it internally
- viii. Jen: less formal, change to 'translators'

ix. No further intervention or opposition.

**x. Passed**

**9. Other Motions from the floor**

a. BIRT EGSS council publish a list of criteria for the allocation of funds to organization through the solidarity fund and the process by which these request can be made. (Y12-1-11: Solidarity Fund)

i. No further amendments, no opposition.

**ii. Passed.**

b. Motion to enter into 5 minute committee of the whole to discuss translation of the constitution.

c. Core: Timeline for translation? Generally opposed/seen as unnecessary. But we will be in violation right now by not having a French version right now.

**10. EGSS Conference Discussion**

a. Meeting tomorrow, 3PM, room 629. Get in touch with ideas and input. Want to do a free conference for EGSS members.

b. Anyone who wants to get involved, volunteer, come out to the meeting.

Adjourned by the Chair at 4:34PM