

GSA Meeting: Thursday August 18, 2005 Minutes

In attendance

Collin, Kaela, Cathy, Stephen

1. Approval of Minutes
approved

2. Updates:

Audit

Treasurer – talked to an outside accountant re: audit of our levey account. He seems to think that a full audit is not worth the time and money as the account is ~\$5000 and an audit can cost up to \$2000. Cost of a review would be much less (up to \$500). Collin and Kaela will pursue further.

Summer Health Services

Letter was sent out regarding these issues, we have received positive responses and this issue will be raised in the coming year on the health committee.

Seminar Series

Tom Symonds has approved the use of his name for a new/re-vamped seminar series. Collin/ Chris Warren will meet with Tom to work out details in the coming months. Collin nominated Chris to chair the seminar committee as he has worked towards the new format over the last year.

3. Funding- Scholarship awards

Collin was contacted by a student in the Native Studies program that has a SHRC grant and had not received a Dean's Scholarship (DS). (or because of the SHRC had not received the DS this year.) This raised the issue of a lack of transparency in the DS allocation. The funding committee needs to try to get research and graduate studies (RGS) to be explicit about the qualifications for the DS.

4. Orientation week (handouts)

The survival guide needs to be formalized and printed in the next couple of weeks. Stephen to re-send out the guide for comment. Schedule is needed for the back page, Collin will confirm with Kevin and Ted and get back to us.

5. Constitution

Stephen had comments about proposed honorarium (requirements for receiving), voting status of executive and CUPE rep, and number of meetings scheduled (to many). Cathy to continue working on this document.

6. Any other business

- Letter received from Borders Conference organizers requesting a donation (\$1000) to help host it here at Trent. We have in the past contributed and will this year but probably not \$1000.
- Letter received from Sustainable Campuses Organizer wanting the GSA to write a letter of support (initially) for their bid to host the conference here at Trent. More research needed – Stephen will respond.

Next Meeting set for 31 Aug (or thereabouts)

Meeting adjourned