

Minutes: Tuesday July 25, 2005

Attendance: Cathy, Kaela, Stephen, Kevin, Ted, Colin

Approval of Minutes

No problems – all in favour.

BBQ

Cathy will get food, Kevin and Stephen to meet to get set up. Park is booked. Frost Centre students would prefer to see events downtown, perhaps in the evenings. Could do a BBQ (Sept at Millenium park?). Hold a pub nite in August to get more people out.

Orientation Week Events (Kevin/Ted)

Wed 7th- Karaoke, Thur 8th- Bowling, Fri 9th- Pub Nite @ Olde Stone

Hope that these events will run themselves. Ted and Kevin will let us know what we can do to help out.

Insert Update

Dropped off at OGS, Stephen has put links to inserts online.

Survival Guide Ideas

Will reformat the restaurant handout, to do a brochure to hand out when we do introductions at Orientation the week of the 7th. To include: our favorite places to eat/drink/shop etc., advertisement for intramural teams, a calendar of upcoming events for Sept and the fall.

Colin adds idea: If we can find individuals willing to organize a specific intramural team, we could include them as contacts and have the students get in touch that way?

Constitution

Most recent version sent out for everyone to look at and provide feedback on.

Need to determine if CUPE Position is currently a voting position (Cathy to look) if not executive will discuss inclusion of this at a future meeting. CUPE thought that it had been a voting position, would really like to see this move made if it isn't. Feels that it would establish a better working relationship between the two groups.

Dates for Fall Speaker Series and AGM

Ted/Kevin/Colin will work to choose dates for AGM and Speaker Series so that they are set and can be advertised in advance.

Ted suggests having Thanksgiving potluck to coincide with AGM again.

Aramark Issue

BBQ's remain a problem (on grounds of health issue?). In future will hold them off campus.

Should not have a problem holding more than two per year. Colin was told we could have at least 2 per semester. Because other student groups do not typically hold them, it is unlikely that anyone would object to us holding more.

Holding BBQs at the AC likely not an option (inside only Aramark free), but difficult to book rooms...would have to do far in advance.

Health Care

CUPE would like our support on pushing for increased access for students and their families, particularly during the summer. Perhaps could open one morning a week?

Past GSA discussed these ideas. Need to push the Health and Counselling Committee.

Ted to write a draft of a letter on behalf of GSA. Try to convey that taking on the families of students will not be too great of a burden for the doctors. Try to get to Grad Studies, Trent Administration, etc. in August to reinforce that we are here all summer, and given the climate of health care service in Peterborough all the more reason students need access to these services.

Possible need for a sub-committee to pursue this issue this year.

Funding

Many issues across the university

- Not being awarded internal scholarships when holding a major award
- Minimum level of funding (how long has this base been used?)
- Lack of incentives for scholarship holders
- Better (tax) programs in place at other Universities
- Absence of residency fees in some programs

Chris should have the info from Todd's work on this issue last year.

Need to review what was learned/achieved and continue applying pressure on the administration.

Goals for the Year (August Meeting)

Along the lines of the funding and health care issues, everyone needs to think of what they would like to work on this year. It is important to note that we need to do the bulk of our work prior to Christmas it is very difficult to get the message across/earn concessions in the new year as our targets become busy with other things. Hopefully we will have a meeting devoted specifically to our goals for the year at which point we can discuss what the most pressing issues are for each of us, and specifically what we can do to achieve them. By putting together a list of common goals, we'll be able to develop a systematic approach to work towards reaching our goals.