

**GSA Executive Meeting
November 9, 2005-11-23**

- 1. Attendance:** Colin, Chris, Kevin, Stephen, Bree, Cathy, Kalea, Amy, Robin
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Secretary needs to make sure to do attendance – hasn't been doing it, but will start as of today
- 3. Constitution:** We have enough signatures to pass the Constitution. Colin is going to make a PDF of it and put it up on the website
- 4. Career Centre:** Career center is interested in advertising for graduate students and get more jobs for grad students posted there. We have decide Stephen will put a link from our website to their website and Colin will send them an e-mail to tell them to send 1 e-mail/year to the grad students and talk to the program secretaries if there are any good jobs.
- 5. Senate Update (Cathy):** The senate is still discussing with the government about the Levy fees. Was wondering if we were interested in getting a graduate student visitor on the board of governors. We decided we were. Cathy is going to ask how we can go about getting a student visitor on. Trent is also looking for a new Dean of Arts and Science. There is a grad studies meeting on Friday. They will be looking at proposals/name changes for the grad program.
- 6. Security Cameras (Colin):** People have been vandalizing the bank machine by the book store. People are saying we should have cameras (which may result in increased fees). Decided we have no problem with some security cameras by the ATM.
- 7. Canadian Studies Conference Report (Kevin):** The conference was last weekend. It went well, having 15 speakers from all across the country. A report will be written and sent to the GSA.
- 8. CUPE Update (Amy):** A tentative agreement has been made. Also, the development of a letter of agreement is in progress to get reimbursement for grad students from the health plan. There is a AGM tomorrow at 7pm.
- 9. Accumulated Funds Update (Kaela):** Looking into transferring bank accounts to a more typical bank. Colin and Kaela met with Doug this morning; we can likely get a scholarship set up for January of this year. This will be distributed by Grad Studies, but we need to set up some criteria. The subcommittee will meet next week to talk about criteria. They also talked about reimbursing convocation fees. However, every student pays every year (~\$4000.00/year), and it too much. Paying the binding fee was re-visited, but it may be an accounting nightmare.
- 10. Funding update (Colin):** Talked about increasing funding levels for grad students. However, it turns out that Grad Studies is less in control than we originally thought. Most

things need to be done on a program to program basis. The money from the Deans Ph.D. scholarship is not is not stable from year to year. Increasing the levels of funding should be brought up with the grad studies committee. Colin is still talking about getting the 60\$ instalment fee removed; however, he needs to approach finance about it. There is also talk about getting a fee wavier for Ph.D. students in their 4th year.

11. Social Activities Update (Kevin): Pub night tonight at Rileys @ 8pm. Christmas party is on December 9th.

12. Seminar Series Update (Colin): The next seminar series is Wednesday at 7pm at Trail. Posters have been put up about the series downtown and around school. It has been advertised on the community channel and quid nova. We have ~\$5000.00 now and are advertising at each event who are donors are.

13. Any Other Business: Nothing really happened at the health and counselling meeting – working on getting summer hours.

14. WEGS name change (Bree): Biology program proposal is not going to go through. Every 7 years they revise the program. We want to make a name change, but Geology loves WEGS and doesn't want to get rid of it. Talk about having a general name and having sub-disciplines.