

GSA Meeting – November 1, 2007

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Agenda Items

1. Reports Back

President

- Wed at 3 meeting with Susan Apostle-Clark (EC 203)
- Outline reasons for non-stance on Non-academic Misconduct.

Vice-President

- CASCC Committee information will be given at the AGM. Go to student affairs website “terms of reference” to get list of committees. Nina will on the CASCC budget committee.

Treasurer

- Accumulated funds:
 - Motion: Two \$1000 bursary awards per year (1 PhD, 1 Master’s).
 - Vote: Agreement
- Starting a new GSA lecture series.
 - Vision: Bring in 2 high caliber visiting lecturers per term from a variety of interdisciplinary backgrounds to promote the fostering of an intellectual community. Total cost estimated at \$2000/year.
 - Motion: Implement trial lecture series and dedicate \$2000 of budget to said series.
 - Vote: Agreement
- Discussion of remaining funds
 - Motion: Remaining funds will stay in savings account
 - Vote: Agreement
- Communications Officer
 - Cannot keep up the website duties. Discussion of GSA paying an honorarium to someone from the modeling program to fix the site if necessary. Stacy will then update website regularly.
- CUPE Representative
 - Update: OPSEU is in a position to strike or lockout on Nov 19, 2007.
 - Looked into investment plan for bursary awards. Ontario government will match a maximum of \$12, 500 investment thereby creating a self-sustaining bursary award from the GSA executive in future years. It

must be based on financial need in order to utilize this program of investment.

- Social Coordinator
 - Trick or Eat: Successful.
 - GSA executive must make more of an effort to show up events. Only 10 people were present at the Symons Lecture Series on Tuesday. Nic will send out an email to missing executive members stating this fact. More participation from executive members was agreed on.

2. Other Items:

- Annual General Meeting Agenda and discussion:
 - Agenda Items:
 1. 2007/2008 budget
 - Contributing \$2000 to new trial lecture series r
 2. Proposal for the Accumulated funds
 - GSA Bursary award of \$1000 to Master's and PhD candidates-John will discuss information
 - Remainder of accumulated funds to remain in Savings
 3. New Health Plan-Vikki will discuss
 - An opinion thread had been added to WebCT to obtain graduate student opinions.
 4. Constitution:
 - Insert clause that stipulates internal financial control
 5. Non-academic Misconduct- Adrienne will discuss our position and the reasons behind it including: exemption of graduate students to policy by lack of participation on the board, the vagueness of definitions outlined in the policy, lack of consultation with the entire student body, and the TSCA's official position. An opinion forum on WebCT has been set up so that graduate students can voice their concerns.

