

GSA Meeting – November 13, 2007

David, John, Nic, Francis, Stacy, Erin, Sarah, Andrea S-S, Kathryn, Adrienne, Derek (New History Rep), Andrea M

Permanent Regrets:
Vikki, Kristina

Absent with regrets:
Denina

Absent without regrets:
Peter

Agenda Items

1. Reports Back

President:

1. Two new forums on WebCT:
 - What would graduate students do in the event of an OPSEU strike, or any strike?
 - Discussion of the Ryle Lectures delivered by Nancy Fraser can also be found on WebCT.)

Vice-President:

1. CASSC Meeting Update:
 - Next CASSC meeting on November 21st, 2007 at 4 pm.
 - Proposed CASSC meeting hosted by the GSA to take place potentially in late January. GSA agenda for meeting will be presented by a sub-committee of the GSA to present to CASSC.

Motion: Form a sub-committee to present the GSA agenda to the CASCC committee

Seconded: David

Vote: Unanimous

GSA Sub-Committee Members: Sarah, David, Stacy, Francis, Kathryn, Erin

- Draft GSA Agenda for CASSC meeting:
 - 1) Office Space for Graduate Students
 - 2) NAMP
 - 3) Graduate Student Resources
 - 4) New Faculty Hires
 - 5) Health Plan & Health Services
 - 6) Overcrowding in CSNS & Indigenous Studies
 - 7) Accessibility on Campus
 - 8) Problems with IT
 - 9) Integration for New GSA Executives & Building

Institutional Memory
10) Other Business

- Emergency Planning Committee Update:
 - Discussion of proposed emergency procedures to be taken at Trent University including cell phone registration for text messaging and campus-wide PA announcement of emergency, etc.
 - David will email Emergency Planning document to the GSA executive for review. Any comments or concerns can be emailed to David. Concerns will be presented by David at next Emergency Planning Committee meeting. David will report back at next GSA meeting.

- Student Levy Process:
 - A new policy is being proposed by administration to deal with potential misappropriation of levy funds.
 - Sarah will provide a draft copy of this policy to GSA executive members only. Comments can be emailed to Jeff Cadence or Sarah. Please copy Sarah on levy-related emails.

- CASSC Sub-committees:
 - Lack of consultation with sub-committees on decisions relevant to those committees raises concerns.
 - This item will be added to the GSA agenda for the late January CASSC meeting.

2. Staffing the GSA office:

- Nic, Denina, Sarah, and Adrienne have volunteered to attend office hours. Office will be staffed on Fridays from 9am-4pm, beginning this week. Nic = 9am-1:30pm; Adrienne = 1:30pm-4pm; Sarah = rotating floater; Nina = once a month.

3. New Meeting time/location

- Tuesdays from 8-10pm at Kerr House, Trail College
Motion: New meetings to be held downtown
Seconded: Erin
Vote: Unanimous

4. GSA committee coverage during the strike (CASCC & Senate)

- GSA presence is important in CASCC and Senate meetings
Motion 1: In the event of an OPSUE strike, GSA representatives will continue to attend CASSC and Senate meetings.
Seconded: Kathryn
Vote: Agreed 6, Opposed 2, Abstained 3
Motion 2: In the event of an OPSEU strike, the GSA encourages its members not to cross picket lines in order to attend other

committee meetings. An email to all reps will follow should this occur

Seconded: Erin

Vote: Agreed 8, Opposed 0, Abstained 3

5. Meeting protocol

- Asking for any comments or concerns regarding previous protocol email

6. New mailbox Address:

Graduate Students Assn
Box 326, Trill College, 310 London St.,
Peterborough , Ontario, K9H 7P4

Treasurer (David filling in for Denina):

1. Symons Series Budget Approval

Motion: Approve Symons Series budget of \$5000

Seconded: Andrea

Vote: Unanimous

2. Canada: Who? Why? How? Funding Approval

Motion: Approve GSA funding \$500

Seconded: Andrea

Vote: Unanimous

3. Application for \$1500 to fund "Doing it in Public": A conference purposed by Dr. Hue Hodges. Conference would like to record an archive of poetry and bring in performance people. Detailed budget not submitted but necessary for GSA decision.

Motion: Delay decision until next GSA meeting

Seconded: Sarah

Vote: Unanimous

4. Health Plan Update:

- Denina and Vikki met with Craig Baker of HealthQuotes.ca on Friday November 2, 2007. Permission granted to Craig to research some health plans on behalf of the GSA. Anticipate hearing details on plan options Wednesday November 14, 2007.
- Request for summary email to be sent out to GSA executive with plan options outlined.

Senate:

1. Francis has created a sign for the GSA office

Motion: Provide funding from budget for the sign

Seconded: Stacy

Vote: Unanimous

2. Report from Senate Meeting of October 30th, 2007/ Academic Amnesty:
 - The chair shut down a motion for academic amnesty three times deeming it inadmissible, without allowing it to be voted upon. This action broke Senate by-laws and Robert's Rules.
 - Motion: Begin lobbying for an emergency senate meeting to address the issue of academic amnesty in the event of an OPSEU strike.
 - Seconded: Sarah
 - Vote: Unanimous

3. Report from Graduate Studies Meeting of November 9th, 2007:
 - Two new grad programs: MSc/MA in Psychology and MA in Sustainable Studies
 - The definition of part-time student has been re-worded in the graduate student handbook to be more specific with respect to course credits required.
 - Discussion of dealing with intellectual property rights. Information available online as an appendix to the Trent University Graduate Calendar. Francis can be contacted with regards to comments or concerns from the graduate student body.

CUPE Representative:

1. GSA Scholarship Update:
 - Requires a third non-GSA party to sign for scholarship along with Jenn McIsaac, Denina, and David.

2. CUPE Unit 1 update:
 - Ratified agreement. No strike. Vote: 99:17 against.

3. CUPE Annual General Meeting:
 - November 20th, 2007 at Sadlier House. It slightly conflicts with the Symons Series, therefore, major issues will be brought up at 8 pm to include everyone that may attend the Symons Series

Secretary:

1. Agenda Items and Regrets Housekeeping:
 - Agenda Item: Please have subject line of email state: "Agenda Item".
 - Regrets Item: Please have subject line of email state: "Regrets".

Communications Officer:

1. Library Carrel Access:
 - Required to pay \$25.00 refundable deposit to obtain key for study carrel. Concerns have been raised with regards to fee as graduate students are assured office space .
 - Library carrel \$25.00 access fee to be placed on the CASSC and Senate agenda.

2. GSA Web site functioning better. Please send Stacy the actual document to be posted.
 - o Request for GSA sub-committees to be posted on the web site.

Social Coordinators:

1. December 7th, 2007 GSA Social Event:
 - o Gordon Best Theatre at 9pm.
 - o Door prizes: Volunteers requested to solicit businesses for donations. Will obtain free advertisement on GSA website.
 - o Volunteers for set up and take down requested.
 - o David suggests reformulation of the Food Bank canned good donation owing to the overwhelming donations provided to the food bank at Christmas. Proposed potential support to Peterborough Coalition Against Poverty (PCAP).
 - o Other suggestions include: Give money to the food bank as opposed to canned good item, split cash donation between the food bank and PCAP, or provide an option to graduate students for their donation of choice.
 - o Concerns over offending Peterborough Food Bank owing to the longstanding donations provided by this event.
 - Motion: Table this item for the next GSA meeting and call the event Festivus
 - Seconded: Nic
 - Vote: 10 Agreed, 1 Opposed, 0 Abstained

2. Possible column in the Arthur to profile graduate student work:
 - Motion: Table this item for the next meeting
 - Seconded: Adrienne
 - Vote: Agreement

WEGPS Representative:

1. Athletic Advisory Committee meeting Friday November 16, 2007:
 - o New athletic facility student survey will be made available on the GSA website or WebCT. Stacy will include this in next information email
2. OCGS Reviewer of WEGS program:
 - o Program being assessed. Program name will change. Details to come. Information will be provided to the GSA and potentially sent out in an email.

2. Other Items:

1. Reports back by all subcommittees to be included in agenda for November 27th, 2007 meeting including information by NAMP Task Committee rep Sarah Kardash

2. PhD tuition waiver:

- Information files from last year will be obtained and sorted through.
Nic and Kathryn will look through last year's GSA Minutes.
- Add to CASCC agenda

Motion: Adjourn meeting

Seconded: Stacy

Vote: Unanimous