

## GSA Meeting –October 4, 2007

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### Agenda Items

1. Regular Meeting Time of the GSA: Thursday Mornings between 9-11am. Next meeting scheduled for November 1, 2007 in the Senior Commons Room.
2. Reports Back
  - a. Senator (Francis)-Meeting of the Senate summary:
    - New sub-committee on colleges is going to be formed by the office of the academic vice-presidents along with a proposal for new graduate programs
    - The office of the academic vice-president and the Ontario Colleges and Universities has formed a website that has information on academic misconduct for all universities.
    - may be nice to link to GSA website.
  - b. Treasurer (Denina)- Plan for accumulated funds: (1) Partial funds go towards a comprehensive graduate student health plan for both part-time and full-time students; (2) Create an endowment fund for the lecture series proposed by David and Stacy; (3) Create a GSA scholarship fund; (4) A student BBQ.
    - Actions to be taken:
      - i. Pass the plan for the Accumulated Funds separately from the GSA budget and receive approval from student body at AGM.
      - ii. Stacy and John: Contact Trent about setting up a scholarship endowment
      - iii. Adrienne and/or Vikki/Erin: Contact Insurance brokers about plans available and costs
      - iv. David: organize endowment fund for lecture series.
    - At least 3 Days prior to AGM information will be passed to Denina to be incorporated into budget.
  - c. Communications Director (Stacy) – Interunion Coalition Meeting Summary:
    - i. Total cost of previous meeting ~\$200. GSA will cover the balance of the event after other participating organizations e.g., CUPE, OPSU, FOC, TUFA, etc, have provided their support (will be informed of this amount at next meeting- Nov 1, 2007). Funds will be taken out of Organization and Conference Support part of the budget.
    - ii. CUPE & OPSU Support Rally: Will be held outside of Batta Library and headed by the TCSA. Unanimous vote for the GSA to support rally but not provide monetary assistance.
    - iii. New indigenous studies PhD representative needed.

- d. CUPE representative (John): CUPE AGM will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11pm at Sadler House.
  - e. Social Director (Nic): Gordon Best Theatre booked for December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for the December AGM. Spending additional \$75 in comparison to last year to support increased student numbers.
    - i. Door prizes needed for AGM and Trick-or-Eat. Inform Nic of businesses contacted regarding donations for prizes.
    - ii. Trick-or-Eat will be done again this year
    - iii. Supporting/assisting in the organization of two non-GSA events: TCP Conference and the Canadian Studies Conference (November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007).
  - f. President (David): GSA office is functional with phone.
    - i. Non-Academic Misconduct trial period in effect. David will send out email including links to information on non-academic misconduct, and a statement regarding the GSA's position on the matter e.g., uncomfortable with process and will therefore not be sending a representative to the meeting until discussed with the student body at the AGM. Unanimous vote in agreement with this statement.
    - ii. AGM outline/advertisement and links to CFS information will be emailed out to graduate student body.
3. AGM- Set for Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.
    - i. Afternoon potluck @ 3pm – 6pm @ Senior Commons Room or the Cat's Ass. Will try and get a bartender, contact Denina and David once room is booked. General email will be sent out about event.
  4. Symons Series- Requires \$5000/year in support. Need to provide an outlined budget and future plans to accumulate more funds to the GSA.
  5. Canadian Federation of Students- Will open a forum at the AGM for this issue. Nic and David will make a non-biased presentation regarding the information to the student body.
  6. Other Items:
    - a. Adrienne: TCP Conference. GSA will provide \$400 out of the conference organizations section of the budget as opposed to taking the funds out of the social events budget. Collaboration will occur between GSA social directors and TCP conference organizers.

- b. Stacy: Organizational Issues regarding meetings. Andrea S-S will prepare an agenda prior to meetings based on items emailed to her from other GSA members (e.g., Reports back, other items, new business)