

GSA Meeting –October 18, 2007

Attendees – David, Sarah, Vikki, Andrea M, Francis, Adrienne, Stacey, Nic, Kristina Ottosen (new English rep)

1. Reports Back
 - a. President
 - i. Susan Apostle Clarke meeting
 1. General update meeting
 2. David will send out a few possible dates and invite SAC to our next GSA meeting Nov. 1
 - b. Vice-President
 - i. Filling Committees
 1. 2 reps
 - a. cultural studies
 - i. Adrienne will act as rep for now
 - b. Indigenous
 - i. Stacey will try to find an indigenous studies rep after reading break
 2. 12 committees
 - a. SSHRC research grants
 - i. Francis
 - b. Academic planning
 - i. Andrea M; Thursdays 3-5pm
 - c. Distinguished research awards
 - i. Stacey
 - d. Teaching awards
 - i. David
 - e. Technology for teaching and learning
 - i. Kristine
 - f. Academic personnel
 - i. Adrienne
 - g. Student orientation
 - i. Nic
 - h. Religious affairs
 - i. Francis
 - i. Health and counseling
 - i. Vikki
 - j. Wellness task committee
 - i. Vikki
 - k. Campus card committee
 - i. Sarah H
 - l. Facilities and grounds
 - i. Andrea SS
 - m. Environmental
 - i. Andrea M
 - n. Occupational Health and Safety

- i. Sarah H
 - 3. Fill with our names right now, but ask for more volunteers at AGM
 - ii. Creating a support network of scholarship & graduate program info for undergrads & grad students
 - 1. no information available for senior undergrads or grad students regarding scholarships
 - a. examples of successful applications to look at
 - b. came up at grad studies committee (Francis)
 - i. Open up a new resource center within grad studies
 - ii. Coordinate with grad studies?
 - c. operate out of GSA office
 - d. Subcommittee
 - i. Sarah (head)
 - ii. Stacey (arts)
 - iii. Vikki (science)
 - iv. Francis (grad studies committee)
- c. Secretary
 - i. Meeting time conflict for Erin, Katherine, David
 - ii. Decide at next meeting
- d. Communications
 - i. CFS - Ontario executive meeting report back
 - 1. See CFS section
 - ii. Interunion coalition report back
 - 1. Rally this afternoon, speakers from all unions
 - 2. Other unions have given money for conference
 - a. Total cost \$200, \$170 already covered
 - b. Could GSA cover \$30 – motion put forward by David, second by Adrienne
 - i. Passed
 - iii. Conference funding practices
 - 1. Reconsider the way we do funding for conferences
 - a. Currently students can only apply for application fee
 - b. Arts students usually do not have registration fees – could we cover any transportation
- e. Social Directors
 - i. Saturday Night
 - 1. Social event in conjunction with TCP conference
 - a. Splice, only front room until 11pm, back room thereafter; or room off The Junction – but the Junction is sketchy, so go for Splice
 - ii. Trick or Eat
 - 1. Send out info to GSA (Oct 31)
- f. WECS rep
 - i. Athletic advisory committee (report back)
 - 1. Master plan on Athletics website – will have posted on GSA site – please read

2. Would like input from GSA on Athletics expansion (Phase 2) to begin next August/September, which includes a new addition on the current facility to include a 'health club' type gym with extensive workout facilities, climbing/bouldering gym, indoor rowing pool, athletic therapy + more
 - a. Likes/dislikes of current facility, suggestions for new
 - b. Climbing vs. bouldering gym
 - c. Ethnic and gender issues (ie. women's only workout times)
 - d. All suggestions welcome! - please email to Andrea Maxie
3. Will have Stacey send out an email to welcome comments from graduate students and post information on GSA website

g. Senator

- i. Grad Studies Committee (report back)
 1. 4 new grad programs approved
 2. Considerably smaller enrolment across the board in grad studies
 - a. Serious funding issues
 3. Advice for grad students (discussed earlier)
 - a. Currently at an advisor level, would like something more central to all grad students
 - b. Conduct a survey among grad students to gather opinions on what resources should be available
 4. Reconsidering part-time studies
 - a. Currently you "may not register for more than 1 full-credit course or equivalent per year" – considering changing this because
 - i. New arts programs are primarily course-based
 - ii. Concern about science students dropping down to part-time status but still working on their thesis full time
 - b. Francis will type this up and send out to GSA Exec
 5. Francis needs someone to cover Budget committee meeting
 - a. November 28th, 11-1
 - b. Stacey will cover

2. Non-academic misconduct policy

- a. Nominating a GSA Representative for the CASCC Task Committee to Review the NAMP
 - i. Position filled by Sarah Kardash, she will report back to GSA
 - ii. Only has reps from 2 colleges and the GSA
- b. Majority of committees have opposed NAMP
 - i. Trill, GSA are not sending people (+ other colleges?)
 - ii. TCSA is attending but also opposing (have passed a motion opposing it)
 - iii. Gzowski president is supporting

3. Annual General Meeting – Thursday Nov. 1st

- a. Announcement: Champlain Senior Commons Room booked for November 1st from 9-11 and 3pm-6pm

- b. Send out information email
 - i. Potluck, optional bring your own plates; Nic has water
 - ii. CFS info?
 - iii. NAMP?
 - iv. Committees to fill
 - c. Accumulated Funds Presentation (named persons will give a short spiel about the following ideas for the accumulated funds)
 - i. Health Plan
 - 1. Vikki is heading with Adrienne and Erin
 - 2. Will have budget information for Nina next Friday at 5pm
 - ii. Scholarship
 - 1. John Rose and Stacey
 - 2. Will report on process to Nina by Monday
 - iii. Lecture Series
 - 1. Stacey and David
 - 2. Will report to Nina by Monday
 - iv. New BBQ purchase
4. Canadian Federation of Students
- a. Stacey went to Sunday of 2-day meeting last weekend
 - i. Would like to keep conversations with us going
 - 1. Should be no fear of legal ramifications or hard feelings etc.
 - 2. Stacey suggests to have them come to speak to us
 - a. November 1st probably too early
 - b. Aim for following meeting
 - ii. Information handouts for us
 - iii. All grad organizations except us and Waterloo are represented by the CFS
5. GSA office
- a. 109 Wallis Hall (former TCP (methodologies) office)
6. Senior Common Room
- a. If anyone would like to use this room we are free to use it for lunches and break times, but must book for meetings - you can pick up a key from the Champlain College secretary