

GSA Meeting –Sept 4, 2007

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Agenda Items

1. Symons Series
 - Call for abstracts
 - Abstract committee
 - Should have been done already? Get word out ASAP
 - Mike Reid co-ordinator (?) (+2 more individuals)
 - 3 Judges required
2. GSA sponsored lecture series
 - Did not discuss
3. Committee Recruitment
 - GSA Executive members sitting on the following required sub-committees:
 - i. Athletics- Andrea Maxie
 - ii. Transportation- Stacy
 - iii. Colleges- Erin
 - iv. Health and Counselling-Vikki
 - CSNS GSA Representatives:
 - v. Canadian Studies- Katherine
 - vi. Native Studies- Christine C
 - Orientation BBQ:
 - Recruit Senator at the grad orientation BBQ on August 5, 2007.
 - Recommend new Senator talk to past Senator (Stephan)
 - Recruit new CASC reps
4. Annual General Meeting
 - a. Event Details
 - Will be held October 3rd, 2007 at 4 pm in the Crypt
 - Entitled “Fall Potluck”
 - b. New Program Reps and Senator replacement
 - Will announce new program reps and Senator
 - c. Constitutional Amendments
 - Have budget approved
5. Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)
 - Nic will obtain the minutes from previous GSA executive meetings and contact Colin and Robyn (previous GSA presidents) to discuss past reasons for not joining membership.

- A summary email will be circulated by Nic to the GSA executive. Based on the information, the executive members will email David with a yes/no regards to contacting a CFS representative.
- Suggestions: should the executive decide to contact a CFS representative, graduate student concerns will be brought up by Nic to the CFS representative or have the CFS representative discuss the membership with the graduate student body at the Annual General Meeting.
- Erin will talk with Scott (TCSA president) regarding their membership.

6. Non-Academic Misconduct

- The director of student affairs (Mary Kim Oliver) has drafted a “draft” non-academic student misconduct policy that transfers her responsibilities in this area to a committee of student (6), staff (2), and faculty (2) members valid for the period of September 2007-December 2007
- John will take draft policy to CUPE national representative
- Katherine will look into past referendums on non-academic misconduct
- Unanimous vote: Will have an executive member on the committee as a student representative including the release of a public statement by the executive including:
 1. Policy is anti-democratic: concern for lack of student consultation over document
 2. Students and other stakeholders should be consulted
 3. Policy should be ratified by students
- GSA executive member on committee: Adrienne

7. Updates

a. President:

- Has received a “Funds Release” form. Copies will be distributed to the rest of the executive
- Suggests that the GSA considers incorporating to ensure lack of personal liability should anything detrimental happen to GSA funds.
- TCSA has incorporated. Perhaps they should be talked to re: process
- Attended “Presidents Meeting” and discussed non-academic misconduct. TCSA president shares similar concerns regarding the policy.

b. Vice President:

- Went through the document of committee representatives to organize which executive members are on sub-committees and which sub-committees need members to be recruited at orientation bbq

- c. Orientation Sub-Committee/Social Directors (esp. om Orientation events)
 - Wednesday September 5th – film screening on front lawn of Kerr House at 8pm. Should it rain, film will be screened at the Trend Bar
 - Thursday September 6th – pub night. Rented back room of Splice for 9pm. Must purchase \$300 worth of food.
 - Friday September 7th- Corn Roast and Frisbee/Golf tournament at 4-7pm at the Riverdale Zoo.
 - A handout with the events will be given out at the orientation bbq
 - No other social events this month
- d. Representative to Inter-Union Coalition (Stacy)
 - Agenda will be emailed
 - Panels on various topics will be formed
- e. CUPE Representative
 - CUPE is holding an intro social event on Wed September 19th from 7-13 at the Sandler House dining room
 - CUPE Annual General Meeting will be held in October
- f. Program Representatives
 - No new information to share

8. GSA Office Hours

- Office has been moved to Trail College
- Perhaps the office will be open 1 day/week? Will be determined.

9. Future GSA Meeting Details

- Meet every 2 weeks at 4:30.
- Each GSA executive member will email Andrea S-S their schedule in order to determine a day that will be best for all executive members