

GSA Meeting –Sept 17, 2007

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Agenda Item

1. Meeting time- Thursday October 4, 2007 @ 1:00 to 3:00pm. At this meeting we will solidify a permanent meeting and discuss further details regarding the accumulated funds, discuss how scholarship will be given (criteria), discuss purchasing new BBQ, CFS survey, Set up regular film viewing event, Coordinate TCP event with a GSA social event in October, Symons series.
2. Senator Welcome- Francis
3. Treasurer's Update
 - a. Conference Bursaries- September conference bursaries are processed (n=6).
 - i. Problem: One student submitted 2 receipts greater than annual allotted amount of \$400 per person per year. Will only reimburse \$400. If extra money is available from conference bursaries at the end of the year we may reimburse the outstanding amount
 - ii. Confusion over conference fees and "workshop" fees. Nina will re-write application stating that conference fees will be included whereas workshop fees will be covered at the discretion of the GSA. Will be sent to Stacy to post on the website.
 - b. Budget tentatively finalized.
 - i. Will present the final budget at AGM. A comparison of previous years spending and current spending will be presented to illustrate changes in funding.
 - ii. Discussion of reallocating scholarship money into one scholarship for \$1000 and the additional \$500 to "Additional Grad Events." A unanimous vote of the GSA executive agrees.
4. Conferences/ CUPE info session
 - i. Kathryn: "Canada: Who, Why, How" -Nov 10 and 11. Deadline for abstracts was Sept 15th but will be flexible in receiving late abstracts. Joint conference with Trent and Carleton University. Will submit an application for funding outlining a budget for the conference and how much GSA support would be necessary. Previous conference requested \$500.
 - ii. Adrienne: "Theory culture and Politics- Renderings"- October 19-21st. Call for papers has gone out. TCP website will have a breakdown of scheduled speakers. Received funding from one faculty member. Roughly \$2000 over budget currently. Will submit an application for funding outlining a budget for the conference and how much GSA support would be necessary.

- iii. John: Making the CUPE info session/ “pub night” a joint event with the GSA to inform graduate students about CUPE and their role with graduate students. Would purpose to split the cost of the event. Making the social directors (Nic and Erin) agree to split the costs of the CUPE event.

- 5. Social Director Update:
 - i. Really need to buy a new BBQ. Co-ordinators will look into BBQ prices and bring to the next meeting.
 - ii. Trying to book Gordon Best for Decemeber 7th for the x-mas party. If does not work out will book for November 30th

- 6. Presidents Update
 - i. We must move out of current GSA office ASAP. Denina, Sarah and David will move items out of office into the new office.
 - ii. 9-5 Office Hours (one day per week): Will occur on Thursdays. Email Sarah concerning availability/time block available
 - iii. Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)- David has not acted on it. Will collect unbiased information regarding the CFS to make a poll. Information/poll will be brought back to the GSA table (next meeting) and discussed/modified. David and Nic will put together the survey and impartial information write-up.

- 7. Vice-President Update
 - i. Regular Film Viewing Event (discussion between Stacy and Sarah). Perhaps an additional social event. Will discuss at next meeting regarding details (e.g. potential screening problems with regards to legality).
 - ii. Committees and Reps: Have an Anthropology, History, Indigenous Studies reps. Need: 3 more reps (cultural studies, material sciences, and Trent/Queen’s program). Require many more sub-committees. Will post vacancies on the web site. Send people interested in committees directly to Sarah.
 - iii. Possible coordination of TCP event as joint GSA event. Will discuss at next meeting.

- 8. Additional Items:
 - i. Information Fair- Thursday Sept 20th at 10:00-2:30 OC. GSA table at this event? Erin will send out an email to find potential volunteers
 - ii. Part-time graduate students cannot opt-in or out for health benefits. GSA should address this issue. Best for part-time students to be covered and allow them to opt out. Erin is willing to head this project: would have to hold a referendum. Additionally, Vikki purposes to have a separate health plan for graduate students. Health plan committee: Andrea M, Erin, and Vikki will present information two or more meetings from now.

9. Symons Series:

- i. Mike Ried is writing a call for conference abstracts. Kathryn will send out an email to Mike Ried to send out a notice ASAP.