

GSA Executive Meeting Agenda – December 17, 2008, 4-6pm, Champlain SCR

Present:

Allison
Andrea
Colin
Jenn
Nina
Tom

Absent with regrets:

Jean
John
Josh
Katy
Lynette
Nic
Peter
Vladimir

1. Secretary
 - a. Approve Minutes – December 3, 2008 meeting. Deferred – no quorum
2. President
 - a. Traill/Trend – Andrea will meet with the sunrise café.
 - b. Discrimination and harassment – We need a more in depth reading. At first look it seems reasonable and clear.
3. VP
 - a. Charter update – The Board of Governors will meet in Jan. regarding the charter. If it passes, it will go into effect in September.
4. Transportation – Andrew was unavailable.
5. Treasurer
 - a. Need to clarify the Symons' Series relationship with the GSA. Nina can consult with Thomas concerning the GSA and the seminar series.
 - b. Conference and group support application(s)
 - i. Conference application - There was only one application.
 - ii. 'Conversations with Darwin' is looking for GSA support. They would like \$1400 of the estimated total \$2500. There is \$3500 left over in the budget. Will vote on this when we have the quorum.
6. Communications – Not present
7. Senator – Nothing to report
8. Social Directors
 - a. Festivus report back – Thumbs up! Lots of food collected for the food bank and \$40 in donations.
Comments: some thought the music was too loud for the setting (i.e. difficult to talk). Good location.
 - b. January events – Doug Evans has funding for events (pub nights). He

would like to see pub nights every two weeks but that is a lot of work to organize. Also Pub nights are not particularly family friendly and we would like to have a mix. Will try to plan a pub night with a band for January, with trivia earlier in the evening and a band later on. Another idea would be to have an open mike night.

9. CUPE rep – Not present
10. Athletics – Not present
11. Sub-committee reports back – Not present
 - a. Constitution (Jenn, Katy, Lynette) – will meet in Jan
 - b. Health Care (Allison, Jean, Josh)
 - i. Part time students inclusion in the Health Plan – Nothing to report
 - ii. Tracy – Not present
 - c. Student funding, fees, tuition (John - Chair, Nina, Vladimir, Jean)
 - i. Also look into bursary qualifications – nothing to report
 - ii. Tuition indexing – ENLS seems to be open to the idea. If we get some concrete ideas. Colin will suggest them to the Grad Studies Committee (grad program directors) on 16 Jan.
 - d. Symon's Series (Tom)
 - i. Dec 3 – Linda Rutledge and Caitlin Friendship
 - ii. Dec 19th - Abstracts are due for winter term. 4 Science and 8 Arts abstracts so far. There is no Jan seminar so the submission deadline has been extended.
 - iii. Series will run in Feb, Mar, and Apr.
 - iv. There is a position open for a new Symons committee person.
12. Next meeting – Jan 7, 4-6pm at Champlain SCR
13. Other business – TCP (Nina)