

## **GSA Meeting – January 8, 2008**

Present:

Andrea M, Nic, Vikki, Nina, Erin, Kathryn, Francis, John, Sarah, Andrea S-S

Permanent Regrets:

Kristina

Absent with regrets:

Stacy, Derek

Absent without regrets:

Peter, David, Adrienne

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Reports Back**

##### **a. President**

##### **b. Vice-President**

- i. CASCC sub-committee meeting tonight
- ii. Queer group being formed to include both undergraduates and graduate students
- iii. Send updated mandate to David

##### **c. Treasurer**

- i. Budget update
  1. Still under-budget. Spent \$6500 cumulatively to date.
- ii. Missing Funds Update
  1. Loretta Durst sorted out the error error. Fees are being given in three installments. This is a change from last year. Nina has requested a break-down of the calculations done.
- iii. Scholarship Fund- The wheels are in motion.
- iv. Bursaries are due January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

##### **d. Senate**

- i. Career Services: Graduate Workshops Meeting
  1. Loretta Durst needs two graduate students for Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am, Champlain College to discuss what types of workshops are graduate students are interested in having.
    - a. Stacy will send out an email requesting 2 volunteers for this meeting on a first come, first serve basis. A forum on WebCT will be set up to canvass for workshop ideas/suggestions by graduate students.

##### **e. CUPE Representative**

- i. Special General Meeting- January 30<sup>th</sup> @ the Trend @ 7:30pm.
  1. Agenda:
    - a. By-law amendments
      - i. Mail-in ballots for summer/spring voting
      - ii. Elect CUPE bargaining team
      - iii. Elect Chief Steward for Unit 1
      - iv. Find a recording secretary for CUPE 3908
      - v. Executive Stipends
      - vi. CUPE Impact Committee- set up to aid those adversely affected by new contract agreement

- ii. Student concerns re: intellectual property
  - 1. John requests that the GSA potentially to advocate on this student's behalf during a meeting that will occur with Doug Evans.
    - a. Andrea Maxie will attend meeting.

**f. Secretary**

- i. Pass December 11, 2007 Minutes:
  - 1. Motion by Andrea S-S: To approve the GSA Minutes from Dec 11, 2007
    - a. Seconded: Andrea M
    - b. Vote: Unanimous

**g. Communications Officer**

- i. A graduate student update email is being sent out on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008
  - 1. Social Coordinators: Inform Stacy of any upcoming social events to be advertised on website.
- ii. Ontario-Wide CFS meeting:
  - 1. The Federation's 2008 Ontario Semi-Annual General Meeting will be taking place from January 17-20 at the Holiday Inn Markham. The registration deadline was January 2, 2008 but we can still register if we want. We can still attend as a potential member. Anyone desperately want to go?
    - a. Due to costs associated with transportation and lodging no volunteers were found.
- iii. CFS Representative Visit:
  - 1. A CFS representative will be attending one of our meetings (either January 22 or February 5<sup>th</sup>)
    - a. Motion by Vikki: Limit CFS time-slot to 15 minutes  
Seconded: Nic  
Vote: 9 agree, 1 abstained  
Friendly Amendment by Erin: CFS will be given a reasonable time period for questions.

**h. Social Coordinators**

- i. January family friendly event
  - 1. Pizza & Bowling: Perhaps January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 around 3pm? Nic and Erin will look into this further

**i. WEGP Representative**

- i. Meeting with Doug Evans Tuesday January 15 @ 10:30am BH126. Susan Apostle-Clark will be attending.

**2. Other Items:**

- a. Health and Wellness CASCC Update:
  - i. Holding a meeting on January 23 or January 29 Vikki will attend.
    - 1. Asked to survey the student body to find out concerns/comments about counseling services, etc., at Trent University.
      - a. A WebCT forum will be set up. Stacy will inform students in email update
- b. Health Insurance Coverage:
  - i. Will look for a new broker and inquire about the current plan for potential changes/expansions as current broker has not been heard from in over 2 months.
    - 1. Health Plan Sub-Committee will meet to discuss further.
- c. PhD Tuition Waver- Inquires have been made.

**3. Motion to adjourn:**

- a. Seconded: Nina

b. Vote: Unanimous