

# **GSA Meeting – January 22, 2008-DRAFT**

Present: Nic, Andrea M, Vikki, Kathryn, Erin, Francis, David, Stacy, John, Sarah, Andrea S-S, Adrienne, Nina

Permanent Regrets:  
Kristina

Absent without regrets:  
Peter, Derek

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. Reports Back**

#### **a. President**

- i. President's Mandate (Bonnie Patterson is not renewing her term):
  1. Should the GSA help with constructing this mandate?
    - a. David is going to send an email to the graduate students to inform them of a WebCT forum.
      - i. Motion by Sarah: Put together information to draft an official GSA stance for the mandate  
Second: Erin  
Vote: Unanimous
  - ii. NAMP- Sarah and David are going to talk with TUFA

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

- i. CASCC Meeting:
  1. Meeting dealt with student ancillary fees and an explanation of the function of CASCC which was passed out as a document. Sarah can pass it on to others that are interested. The next CASCC meeting will be held January 29, 2008 @ 4pm, Trail College Junior Common Room.

#### **c. Treasurer**

- i. Bursaries- 13 to review
  1. Late bursary (May). Accept?
    - a. Motion (Adrienne): Accept the late bursary  
Seconded: Sarah  
Vote: 9 agree, 3 abstained
- ii. Scholarship meeting January 23, 2008

#### **d. Senate**

- i. No new updates at this time

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

- i. Reminder of Special General Meeting- January 30<sup>th</sup> @ the Trend @ 7:30pm.
  1. Agenda:
    - a. By-law amendments
    - b. Mail-in ballots for summer/spring voting
    - c. Elect CUPE bargaining team
    - d. Elect Chief Steward for Unit 1
    - e. Find a recording secretary for CUPE 3908

- f. Executive Stipends
- g. CUPE Impact Committee- set up to aid those adversely affected by new contract agreement: Update will be discussed
- ii. John is putting together a press release of CUPE's stance regarding NAMP, Risk Management, and Academic Amnesty in the Arthur

**f. Secretary**

- i. Pass January 8, 2008 Minutes:
  - 1. Motion by Andrea S-S: To approve the GSA Minutes from Jan 8, 2008
    - a. Seconded: Andrea
    - b. Vote: Unanimous

**g. Communications Officer**

- i. CFS Update:
  - 1. Attempting to contact them for a presentation/discussion session with the GSA
- ii. Next GSA Meeting- February 5th:
  - 1. At 7:30. The NAMP Task Force to hold a focus group with the GSA at 7:30pm. Stacy will send out an email reminder to the GSA before the meeting.
- iii. Sherene Razack will be lecturing here at Trent on April 1, 2008.
  - 1. The GSA could support this either financially or as an endorsement. Currently, other support may come from the Community Centre for Race Relations, Canadian Studies, and the Frost Centre. Stacy will present an outline of anticipated help/costs/etc., at a future GSA meeting.

**h. Social Coordinators**

- 1. Bowling Reminder: Saturday January 26 @ 3:30.
  - a. Cost: \$5/person. Free food will be served as well.
  - b. 7 lanes reserved have been reserved: 3 ten pin, 2 five pin
- 2. Liability for Social Events? Still unsure. Answers hard to find. Continuing to investigate.

**i. WEGP Representative**

- i. Academic planning committee meeting notes:
  - 1. Discussion topics were the same as those from the meeting with Doug Evans that occurred on January 15, 2008.
    - a. Interesting note: Two new graduate programs proposals were passed at the senate meeting which will now be reviewed by the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies:
      - i. MA/MSc Psychology Program and MA in Sustainability Studies.
        - 1. Andrea M will email copies of program descriptions to GSA. Potential concerns over the new Sustainability Studies program: unclear objectives, little structure, etc.

**2. Other Items:**

- a. Graduate Student Workshops (Francis): Not much feedback received from student body. Please send Francis some ideas. Discussion within the GSA of potential workshops ensued e.g., Dealing with supervisor conflicts, intellectual property rights, etc.

b. Health & Wellness (Vikki):

i. Meeting is postponed until March.

1. Items to be discussed include the health care extension to July and August. (This item will be discussed at the CASCC meeting January 29 @ 4pm, Trail College Junior Common Room), and obtaining more administrative staff to deal with volume of students seeking appointments. Meeting will also discuss privacy concerns.

**3. Motion to adjourn by Sarah:**

- a. Seconded: Nic
- b. Vote: Unanimous