

GSA Meeting – July 9th, 2008

Minutes

Present: Allison, Jean, Andrea, Denina, Tom, Simon, Josh

Absent with regrets- Jonathan, Katy, Jennifer, Benny

Agenda Items

1. Motion by Andrea: to approve minutes from June 5th 2008.
Seconded by: Josh
Voted: Unanimous
2. Presidents Update (Rambling sweet updates)
 - a. COSRR- The new abbreviation for the Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Mary Kim Oliver is rewriting with approved changes from final April CASCC and will be approved by lawyers. Re-introduced at first meeting of CASSC in September. Nothing in student handbook on code of misconduct for September
 - b. FYI- Graduate events may be posted on OC café TV
 - c. UHIP- International Student Health Care. Trent is not making these students pay in full for health care service even though many other schools have decided recently to do so.
 - d. Food Trail- Seasoned Spoon has until middle of the month to put forward proposal. Then if they don't then Request For Proposal (RFP's) from the public can be put forward. Possible plans for Trend include fully functional pub through the funding of the university or simple single event nights through the help of conference services (They bring everything there and then take it away for a cost).
 - e. Anti-choice debates at other universities- York's student union has put forward that they will not fund any anti-choice groups. Must decide on how to deal with group support which may involve partisan, political and religious ideologies to therefore clearly define the GSA's objective. Decide to bring it to the constitution sub-committee to write it out to explain that support (either financially or politically) shall be allocated to groups which represent professional development and positive social structures for our graduate community.
3. Treasurer
 - a. Fees- All graduate fees are to stay the same this year. Graduate student fees might be used to create the professional development workshops put forward by Doug Evans. To be built/created next summer after a trial run this year. GSA could possibly lose some services next year (like a service trade-off for the development workshop) or there could be a fee increase for students to allow this workshop. This will be discussed after the trial workshop to be done this year.
4. Communications
 - a. Website- Has been made more update and maintenance is now easier. Put money towards revamping the website.
Motion by Nina: to allocate funding to revamp the website with external help.
Seconded by: Simon

Voted: Unanimous
5. ELS Program Rep/Symons Coordinator

- a. Symons Series- Filled every position and its split 50/50 between science and humanities in all the positions.
6. Social coordinators
 - a. Co-BBQ with CUPE on July 30th. More money so; Variety in the food, Games, Pie-eating relay race. Need professors and students to volunteer for this. Got to get the word out.
7. Committees
 - a. Honouraria subcommittee- In order to further the advancement of the possibility of getting paid TA-ships for GSA exec , a summary of hours spent will be needed to given to Nina.
 - b. Intro week subcommittee- 120 students. Looks like the boat cruise will not be held in the first intro week. Plans for another BBQ during intro week. Capture the flag. Movie Night on the lawn.
8. Other items
 - a. Private residence plans are underway and there are potential issues with the creation of such a building. GSA will have to come up with a stance on the situation in the near future as it could potentially involve graduate students. The TCSA has already decided to oppose the creation of such a residence.
 - b. TCSA president email- We shouldn't be involved with their internal issues. Looks unprofessional. Send an email.
 - c. Traill buildings- Co-operative housing from buildings which are going up for sale.

Motion by Allison: to adjourn.
Seconded by: Nina

Voted: Unanimous