

GSA Meeting Agenda
September 13, 2011
Traill College Senior Common Room
7:00 pm

Member in Attendance

Karen Gillis, Kristen Schultz, Hilary Fast, Rob Arkell, James Lisowski, Agnes Pelletier, Bethany Hunt, Sean Carleton

Regrets

Diana Kouril, Jason Henry, Shanel Raney, Megan Lloyst

1. Motion to Approve the agenda: Sean motions, James seconds, all approves
2. Motion to Approve previous meeting minutes (August 22, 2011): Kristen motions, Hilary seconds, Bethany, Agnes, Hilary, Kristen approves, Rob, Karen, James abstain

Sean (CUPE): approval for BBQ money (\$250.00) is coming, CUPE email out by Hilary, possible CUPE tab on website as CUPE communication is unavailable until November

Rob: discussed his objectives for the year (lead by example (GSA events), education and benefits, initiatives, collaboration with sustainable organizations at Trent, developing overview of sustainability, recommendations for bursaries, funding from sustainable Trent, sustainability plan for Traill college residents, purchasing policies, represent on number of committees and organizations, annual report)

3. Graduate Students' Association Bursaries – Karen (10 minutes): donation to grad studies for one MA and one PhD (\$1000.00 each), GSA is one donor, Allison Hayward received it last year, is this fair? It is decided that GSA members will not receive a bursary donated by the GSA but will still be eligible to receive funds donated by others. A non-exec member should receive the bursary donated with funds from GSA.
4. Traill College - Karen (10 minutes): Principal of Traill would like ideas for developmental workshops: managing conflict, ethics, team building, grant proposal, time management, cv development workshop
-Principal Advisory Committee has funds, it is suggested some go toward monthly meeting for International Grad Students
5. Health Plan Update – Karen (5 minutes)
Part-time students pay way more, what can be done about this? International students have access to CUPE funds, part-time students do not. We should look into a monthly payment plan for part-time students. Opt-in cheques made out to GSA. Common law & marriage need proof.
6. Elections and AGM – Karen (10 minutes)
Supposed to be done during Intro Week, was not done this year.
October 6, AGM, FREE FOOD, election of 1st year Rep, Kristen & Karen's report

7. Health Coordinator's Contract – Hilary (5 minutes)
Handed around Beth's contract for suggestions, was suggested perhaps insurance provider can contribute to Beth's honorarium. An end-of-year-survey was suggested and agreed that position and honoria be put in constitution
8. Budget Breakdown – Kristen (20 minutes)
We have 2 budgets, college fee budget: trail college fee (education related, conference, bursaries, college cabinet, savings), levy fee budget (communications, social events, membership meetings, campaigns, microfilming, operating costs, exec honoraria)
-adding a line for International Grad Students, everyone is responsible for their own budget line, if you lose your receipts must find "missing receipt document" and fill out with Kristen
-Sean suggests the Exec honoria is too low, something to think about
9. Conference and Group Support – Kristen (10 minutes)
- 2 applications submitted (Anarchist, Development & Cultural Studies Journal and Agata: LGBTTQQ Pride Week Performers)
-it is suggested to make a ceiling amount of \$500.00 and only in exceptions do we give more in order to make decision making process less subjective, should think about how many grad students are involved and how they would benefit, application format change suggested
James: motions \$500.00 to the Journal, and \$500.00 to Agata, Kristen seconds, all approve, Rob against
10. Student Issue (In Camera) – Kristen (10 minutes)
11. Any Other Business
-potential restaurant crawl suggested for International Grad students, or for all members?
-proposal to strike a committee investigating facts re: CFS
-discussion of upcoming Craig Cardiff event
12. Motion to Adjourn: Karen motions, Hilary seconds, all approve