

Council Meeting Agenda/AGM – November 25th, 2015

GSA - Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, Dec 9th, 2015

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Tilley 104

Chair: Cody Waite

Recording Secretary: Christian

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Anthro
 - b. Mechanical Eng
4. Approval of Mins – DONE
 - a. IGGS
 - b. Mechanical Eng
5. Summary of Executive Activities
 - a. Aditya – catching up on duties. Responding to email inquiries. Dec 14-15th(?) meeting of selection of VP Academic for UNB. Intention is to start distributing newsletters of GSA activities to the student body. Cody: “emails will be coming from me
 - b. Thalia – dealing with transition. Meeting with finance committee. Call for members of Finance committee. Contact Thalia directly if interested. 5 members needed. Need 2 more (Aditya, Bipin, Thalia so far)
 - c. Ismael – dealing with transition. Looking at health and Dental plan. Meeting with...students soon. Looking at what can be changed. “Anything that can be changed?” – “looking at coverage for families of students, ideally looking to improve” – “Possibility of a meeting if something is changing?”: “Yes.” – “Concerns about dental plan, recommendations on changes for dental plan” – “Ismael acknowledges”
 - d. Christian – Discussing
 - e. Bipin – talking with VIP health insurance, international health insurance, what needs to be included, many people complaining about price, attempting to form a committee that will deal with the issue at large with all student committees. Attempting to work through GSA superfluous information on website.
 - f. Brittany – discussion on orientation fall 2015. Great turnout for orientation. Wonderful turnout. Thanksgiving BBQ: again great turnout. Cineplex Movie Night: James Bond, attendance was beyond expectations. Excited about learning how to better manage bigger grad student events. CFS: attended annual general meeting in Gatineau, QC. Only representative from NB. Intention to have a schedule of events in the winter. Least costly events a priority. Also planning the graduate research

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conference: expect a call for volunteers. Question: “Any GSA funds go in to discount price?” – “Yes, covered difference of \$3 per ticket, extra unused money from orientation week went to cover this”

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Windsor Bar (Cody Waite): Bar closing on the 11th initially, Cody has extended it until the 18th because of high demand. Things are going well. Sales have been great, not hard to de extend. Last trivia tonight (9th). Intention to continue trivia. Possible changes to beer lineup. No real changes.
- b. Finance committee – All said in Thalia’s report
- c. Orientation Committee – All said in Brittany’s report

7. Other Business:

- a. Committee discussion: reiterating importance of committees in GSA (Finance, By-law, Services committee). Great opportunity to review the workings of the GSA.
- b. Joe (Two items)
 - i. Review of school of graduate studies: Meeting on December 14th for future of school of grad studies, where it should go.
 - ii. Rumors that we will be going on strike (UGSW). This is wrong as we are still in conciliation. Strike would only give us the mandate for further negotiation. No discussions have existed of a possible strike. No interest of going on strike. Just addressing rumors going through faculty and faculty support staff. Question: “lots of questions about timeline, why no progress, whats the hold up?” – “very stubborn, austerity based administration that is holding this up. Lots of gaps and no consistency with administrative representative. Ideally hoping to meet with conciliator and recommend we enter in to mediation.” – “So no progress?” – “Not yet.”
- c. Next meeting January 20th.
- d. Question regarding bus pass: “Survey made about bus pass?": Cody: “Not yet”, Bipin: “We can set it up if there are concerns, however there are concerns about how to structure a survey regarding issues like this. Open to discussing survey” – “Lots of push back about who gets it. Lots of demand for data about who uses it, versus who picks it up, who picks it up and doesn’t use it.” Bipin: “issue about how to structure survey.” Question “Can this happen at the end of the year? Would be beneficial to have it after winter?”. Discussion on the fact that there are another 2 and a half years on the current contract.
- e. Aditya – PHD movie. Plans for January 15th 2016. T102.
 - i. Question about last movie night cost: \$385 ish.
 - ii. Call for contribution from societies to fund event. VP events does not want to use event funds (save for later).
 - iii. No supporting interest in this particular movie night.

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- iv. Suggestions on how to improve movie night (particularly movie selection, International Film Festival, etc., NB Film Makers Cooperative). PHD movie #1 was much cheaper, but much older.
- 8. Move to adjourn
 - a. Chemical ENG.
 - b. IGGS
- 9. Meeting adjourned.