EGSS Meeting: September 26, 2013
MINUTES

Date: September 26, 2013
Time: 3:30 - 4:15PM
Location: Grad Lounge
Present: Samantha Shewchuk, Sean Cousins, Chi Yan Lam, CJ Dalton, Yongfei, Marcea Ingersoll, James
Regrets: Stefan, Launa
Guests: Mary Bouchard

1. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (August) https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nG8z1w_9dbTuqhrOlItlMNVl21mEQ4clz3raicenGdQQ/edit?usp=sharing
   · Moved by Samantha Shewchuk and seconded by James
   · MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

2. Approval of Agenda
   · Moved by Samantha Shewchuk and seconded by Sean Cousins
   · MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

3. Executive Reports

President (Chi)
   ● Welcome to new exec members: Stefan, Launa, Lindsay, James
   ● For orientation this year, EGSS participated in delivering an opening presentation on EGSS functions, participated in a Meet and Greet, co-sponsored a panel session, and organized the Ice Cream Social. My sincerest thanks to members who helped with organizing, showing-up, and promoting events.
   ● Observations about By-election: low response to by-election, low MEd interest, increasing fragmentation,
   ● There don’t seem to be many opportunites to meet new students. Returning students were not invited to the Welcome Lunch, EGSS used to be more involved in one on one activities with new students.
   ● Make students more aware of EGSS before they arrive on campus

Nominating (Acting, Chi & Jessica)
   ● Election Results (see Appendix 1)

Faculty Board (Sean & Stefan)
   ● Schedule of Faculty Board Meetings, 2013-2014

Grad Studies & Research (Launa)
   ● (may be late to meeting due to PROF190 supervision) (none)
   ● Mary will act as the M.Ed position for Grad Studies and Research

Renewal, Tenure, & Promotion (CJ Dalton)
   ● My regrets but I cannot report on the activities of the committee other than to say we are on schedule according to the collective agreement.

Appointments (Marcea)
   ● There will be no appointments this year.

Good and Welfare
Strategic Planning (James)
- (no update)

Web site and Communications (Samantha)
- If you have events that you would like advertised on the Queen’s website, please forward requests to me.
- New Members: Please contact Angela Solar (solara@queensu.ca) to set up an appointment to have a photo taken to be put up on the EGSS website.

Academic Events
- ScholarShare received a SGPS grant $400. Thank you CJ!

Social Events
- International Student (Yongfei)
  (no update)
- RBJSE (Lindsay)
  - This summer, the RBJSE Advisory Team was formed to increase capacity and institutional memory:
    ○ Ian/Ph.D. Rep, Samantha/M.Ed. Rep, Sue/Proceedings Rep, Chris and Ted/Faculty Reps, Rebecca, Lindsay/Chair
  - This year, the symposium will be on Friday, February 28, 2014!
  - On Thursday, September 19, we held an open meeting for grad students to learn about and provide feedback on the “5-year plan” the Advisory Team is working on. Got a lot of great feedback and it seems that we’re headed in the right direction!
  - Next step: continue to take volunteers for the Organizational Committee and have our first meeting.

Treasurer (Jessica)
- SGPS will be providing us with the balance owing of EGSS Student Fees from 2011-2012 EGSS (Thanks Chi for staying on top of this)
- EGSS 2013-2014 Student Fees have not been forwarded it to us yet (via SGPS) - We have inquired.
- Discussion of expected upcoming expenditures

Part-Time Student Rep

4. Motions
- (none)

5. Discussion
- How do we go about filling the remaining positions?
- Change constitution to allow for positions to be filled by appointment if there are vacant positions after the election. Positions would be filled on a first come/first serve.
- Chi put forward a motion to pass, seconded by James
- Make nominees aware of the students who have applied for positions.

Part-time is important to have; but in the past 7 years, only had two (both full-time student actually)
- Updating the election policies
- Clothing
APPENDIX I

FACULTY BOARD
President, Chi Yan Lam
M.Ed., Sean Cousins
Ph.D., Stefan Merchant

STANDING COMMITTEES
Appointments, Marcea Ingersoll
M.Ed. Graduate Studies and Research, Available position
Ph.D. Graduate Studies and Research, Launa Gauthier
Nominating, Available position
Good and Welfare, Available position
Renewal Tenure and Promotion, CJ Dalton
Strategic Planning, James McNutt

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
Treasurer, Jessica Chan
Part-time Student Representative, Available position
Academic Events, Available position
Social Events, Available position
Website and Communications, Samantha Shewchuk
International Student Representative, Yongfei Wu
RBJS Chairperson, Lindsay Heggie