

May EGSS Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 17th

Time: 3:00PM- 4:00PM

Location: Graduate Student Lounge

Present: Rebecca Stroud Stasel, Eleftherios Soleas, Trevor Strong, Voila David, Cory Piedalue, Stephen MacGregor, Jackson Pind, Sawyer Hogenkamp,

Not Present: Lauren Curtas, Clarissa de Leon,, Kaitlind Peters, Julie Yaqi Hao, Newsha Ziaian-Ghafari, Heather Braund, Kyle Robinson, Jessica Rich, Britney Lester, Jenna-Leigh Di Nardo, Michael Aquino, JJ Bosica, Suparna Roy,

Minutes:

1. Approval of Agenda

- Cory moved. Trevor seconded

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- Cory moved. Jackson seconded.

3. Business Arising

- None

4. Executive Reports

4.0 President and Vice-President Reports (Terry Soleas and Jackson Pind)

President (Terry Soleas)

- I yield my time to Sawyer.

RBJSE Liaison- Heather Braund (Chair) / Terry Soleas Incoming Chair*

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ESMHI Liaison- Suparna Roy (if you are reading this message, please accept my apologies for not being present)

- Jackson, Terry and other ESMHI members - I'm sorry - I'm still data collecting! Would you be able to fill everybody in on the AMAZING April Wellness Day Event? Thank you so much!

Vice-President (Jackson Pind)

- **SGPS Updates**
- **Next round of hiring will take place in the Fall, giving new students an opportunity to get involved with the SGPS. This round will include the hiring of the Marketing Officer, up to 6 Deputy Commissioners, and two more Student Advisors, giving plenty of opportunities to incoming students.**
- **Jacob DesRochers (M.Ed) Hired as one of the Student Advisors for Next Term**
- **Our contract with our current Health Insurance Broker expires August 31st, 2019 which gives us a great opportunity to explore our options. This does not mean a change is imminent, it simply means we as an Executive must do our due diligence to determine what the best option for our members is. I have already begun meeting with different Insurance Brokers to first see what each one can offer the SGPS in terms of sustainability and affordability. This process will likely take the entirety of our term as we continue to weigh our options and eventually make a decision for the 2019/2020 school year.**
- **A new Graduate Peer Centre is being planned for 2019 School Year: the goal of the centre will be to provide a peer-to-peer support and mental health support service on campus. (Not sure on location but potentially in the new space opening for Graduate Students in Stauffer Library, September 2018)**
- **New Orientation Week. We have been in talks already about this year's orientation activities; however, this year the week will be shorter than previous ones as classes begin sooner on Thursday September 6th, 2018 (the week of Labour Day Monday).**
- **Bylaw Changes have also started to prevent some issues from last year including Election results, structure and modernizing rules for participation.**
- **Budget has also been approved for 2019 Year, available upon request.**
- **Annual Report: <https://sgps.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SGPS-Annual-Report-Summary.pdf>**

4.1 Treasurer [John (JJ) Bosica]

- Sorry I couldn't make it today. The short version of our finances is that we have money, but no cheques. They were ordered two weeks ago and should be here any time. So if you are waiting for reimbursement, everything will be written as soon as the cheques come in. (Newsha you have a cheque done waiting at my desk).

4.2 Faculty Board (Kyle Robinson, PhD Rep.; Terry Soleas, President)

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4.3 Graduate Studies and Research (Britney Lester, PhD Rep.; Michael Aquino, M.Ed Rep.)

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4.4 SGPS Representative (Cory Piedalue, M.Ed Representative; Jackson Pind, Vice-President)

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4.5 Nominating (Sawyer Hogenkamp)

I had the results from feedback from peers during the survey:

- Responses were cleared from name, and were inserted in relevant sections of the constitution
- It was too difficult to do a group session – I met one on one with 5 people who were interested in providing more detailed input
- I have recorded relevant commentary on each section of the constitution.
- Please be prepared to discuss, debate, and VOTE on revisions - I envision that the outcomes from this discussion will be put to referendum in the upcoming election. Here is how we will do this as efficiently as possible:
 - Step 1 - identify a section/component of the constitution worth revising
 - Step 2 - discuss and debate the proposition
 - Step 3 - We will vote on the following:
 1. Is an amendment necessary? (yes/no) (If yes, step 2)
 2. Will we amend and put to referendum during the upcoming election? (yes/no) (if no, I will put this forward to the incoming Nominating Representative for the new executive to vote on)
- Repeat aforementioned steps until complete.
- See link for copy of proposed revisions
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dQockGOYvt3TrPfbIahDvVxo2AlYjWD28xO3tpzYlg/edit?usp=sharing>

4.6 Renewal, Tenure & Promotion (Newsha Ziaian-Ghafari)

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4.7 Strategic Planning (Jessica Rich)

- Sincere regrets for my absence
- I don't have anything new to report
- The committee has not gathered since the Faculty Retreat early this spring

4.8 Appointments (Stephen MacGregor)

- Nothing to report

4.9 Good & Welfare (Julie Yaqi Hao) -

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4.10 Part-Time Student Representative (Jenna-Leigh Di Nardo)

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4.11 Co-Academic Events Coordinators (Clarissa de Leon; Rebecca Stroud Stasel)\

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4.12 International Student Representative (Voila David)

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4.13 Website & Communications (Trevor Strong)

- Twitter account is revived! After an 8 year break the EGSS is back on Twitter. Please follow!

4.14 Co-Social Events Coordinators (Lauren Curtas and Kaitlind Peters)

- Sorry that neither of us are able to make it
- End-of-year social key takeaways:
 - Attendance wasn't as high as we had hoped
 - We met resistance in using the listserv to advertise our event. Apparently we are no longer able to use it, events have to be advertised through the newsletter from now on. When our event was placed in the newsletter, it was advertised on the last page. I'm not sure how many of us read the newsletter, let alone read the WHOLE newsletter. I personally will look at the the top few things and move on. This is an issue that should be sorted out for the future social event coordinators.
 - Thank you to everyone involved in helping prepare with spring convocation!!

- **5. Any Other Business**

6. Adjournment: Approval to End the Meeting