

EGSS December Meeting Minutes

Date: December 6th

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Graduate Student Lounge

Present: Alice Johnston, Britney Lester, Natalie Green, Tyler Ashford, Jackson Pind, Amir Rasooli, Mohammad Fateh, Emma Bozek

Not Present: Andrew Coombs, Melissa Duggan, Stephen MacGregor, Allie McMillian, Maria Shaikh, Elizabeth Sharp, Rebecca Stroud Stasel, Leena Yahia, Lizze Yan, Dawei Yang; RBJSE & ESMHI liason, J.J Bosica

1. Approval of Agenda

- Did not approve (motion overlooked, not voted down)

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- Did not approve (motion overlooked, not voted down)

3. Business Arising

- None

4. Executive Reports

President and Vice-President Reports (Jackson Pind and Britney Lester)

President (Jackson Pind)

- New signage being worked on for stairwell- Proposal to add John Freeman Graduate Lounge to requests.
 - Metal signs going up in the stairwell > First floor will be English, French, and Indigenous languages, Second floor will be 40+ languages
 - Laser cut signs
 - Looking to do more branding in the Graduate Lounge > More signage to bring attention to our space and direct people here
- Faculty Share- costs were \$52
- Informal Holiday Potluck- over the winter break

Vice-President (Britney Lester)

- SGPS is continuing its consultation on its restructuring -- please send myself or Emma any feedback that we can pass along
 - There is a survey that we can circulate via the listserv
 - Second largest governing body apart from the Government of Ontario; a full council should be 85 representatives, but max. representatives showing up is at best 30 -- that is why they are looking into restructuring
 - Main model right now is a move to representation by Faculty instead of Department, which would not affect the Faculty of Education numbers
 - There are three suggested models right now, but they are also seeking any suggestions people have
- SGPS election period begins in January -- nominations open over the break (Dec. 31)

- Look into the fund we get through SGPS (possibly raising the fees to cover our declining enrollment/income)
- SGPS/United Way items/donations drive running now until late Jan.
 - “The SGPS is now partnering with the AMS United Way Committee to bring you the Winter Donation Drive. We will be sending out a list of items needed by local community organizations (from toothbrushes to diapers). Consider working with your department to collect these items and drop them off at the SGPS office.”
 - We should consider promoting this
 - Setup a donation box for people here



RBJSE Liaison (John [J.J.] Bosica)

- Not present

ESMHI Liaison (J.J. Bosica)

- Not present

Treasurer (Mohammad Fateh)

- \$3,433.24 is the total today. Still need to pay for Winter Social.
 - Renew your funding fees- grants that are available

Faculty Board (Stephen MacGregor, PhD Rep.; Jackson Pind, President)

- Stephen not present

- Most conversation around changes to courses, which don't apply to graduate students

Graduate Studies and Research (Andrew Coombs, PhD Rep.; Allie McMillian, M.Ed Rep.)

- From 3-4 pm on Tuesday December 11th in the VRR there will be a graduate students consultation regarding changes that are being proposed to both the M. Ed and Ph.D programs. We should be encouraging all students to attend this.

Academic Events Coordinators (Alice Johnston & Rebecca Stroud Stasel)

- Academic writing retreat next week on Thursday and Friday
- Scaling the amount of money per person attending to \$10/person
Motion by Jackson
First and seconded by Emma and Mohammad
All voted in favour -- approved

SGPS Representative (Emma Bozek, M.Ed Representative; Britney Lester, VP)

- See VP report

Appointments (Leena Yahia)

- Nothing to report.

Nominating (Dawei Yang)

- Not present

Renewal, Tenure & Promotion (Amir Rasooli)

- December 20th the committee will review the applications

Strategic Planning (Lizze Yan)

- Not present

Good & Welfare (Elizabeth Sharp)

- Not present

Part-Time Student Representative (Melissa Duggan)

- Not present

International Student Representative (Maria Shaikh)

- Not present

Website & Communications (Natalie Green)

- Updates for website sent in
 - Waiting for the new communications hire (at the Faculty level) to update
 - Will create an EGSS-specific Facebook group and cross-post to the "Queen's University Masters of Education and PhD" page (has alumni and current students)

Co-Social Events Coordinators (Tyler Ashford; Elisabeth Beard)

- Trivia and Holiday social went well
- Survey to gather student input on events

5. Any Other Business

- Emma--is there a way we can make the Graduate Lounge more our own? Put our mark on the space, such as painting, SAD lights, plants?
 - A possible chalk art event in the next semester (in the space outside the grad lounge)

6. Adjournment: Approval to End the Meeting

- Motion by Jackson
Approved by Emma
Seconded by Elisabeth
All in favour - approved