

EGSS October Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2018-

Time: 6:00pm.

Location: Graduate Student Lounge

Present: Andrew, Allie, Natalie, Alice, Emma, Amir, Tyler, Jackson, Mohammad, Lizzie

Not Present: Regrets:

Minutes:

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

3. Business Arising

1. Transfer of Bank Accounts

-Balance of 3,508.38 (Including \$245 From Welcome Event) - 2040.76 (Welcome Event) = 1,467.24

- \$800 (ESHMI)

Remaining Total once Approved: \$667.24

2. Equity Training Feedback (smaller group)- lectured about being equal-

3. Town Hall Recommendations- Calendar of Events

4. Faculty Share- who, where , when? Informal with short presentations and Q/A period

-I was thinking established, new and senior faculty with range of backgrounds

-Thursday afternoon- (new faculty)- grad students sign up to attend- beforehand

-methodology and then present on research

4. Executive Reports

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

President (Jackson Pind)

- See Business Arising

Vice-President (Britney Lester)

- See SGPS Representative for more information on SGPS happenings
- Would like to welcome our new representatives to the Executive!
 - Treasurer: Now that this position is filled, we need to revisit the discrepancies in finances from last year--maybe create a working group on this? (We decided this is not needed but will work on a proper protocol going forward).

- Website and Communications: Need to contact Sarah to update the EGSS page with new Executive, and to post the minutes from the previous meetings of this Executive; see about taking over the EGSS Twitter account, and maintaining the EGSS community board in the Grad. Lounge, as well as use of the TVs upstairs to advertise our events; we do have a communications strategy/policy for the Faculty that we are to follow--I will e-mail it to you, but you might want to contact Sarah to see if there is an updated version (Looking into revising with RBJSE)
- Social Events Co-ordinators: Great job with planning events already! As our finances are a bit lower than previous years, see if there are any funding opportunities we can take advantage of through SGPS (Yes, Chris and I are looking into it).
- (Would this be Other Business?) I think we need to set up a working group on the EGSS Constitution to go through it with a fine-tooth-comb, so to speak, to ensure we cover all possible situations and have a solid Constitution by the end of our term (the revision process has dragged on for a few years now, and every year we encounter situations not outlined in it--we need to anticipate these and finalize a version that leaves future Executives in a better situation than us) (We believe we should cobble)
 - E.g., the process for electing Executive members once one by-election has been held and positions remain unfilled; adding in our approach to ensure incoming students are better informed about the EGSS and its role in the Faculty community; updating policy around finances/treasurer role and approval of budgeting

RBJSE Liaison: John (J.J.) Bosica

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ESMHI Liaison- Unfilled

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Treasurer (Mohammad Fateh)

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

- Nothing to report (yet) -- Faculty Board doesn't meet until Oct. 15 at 1pm
- Revising M.Ed program is priority this year

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

- Nothing to report

SGPS Representative (Emma Bozek, M.Ed Representative; Britney Lester, Vice-President)

- SGPS proposal to change the process through which by-laws and policy are changed/approved did not pass the vote at the Special General Meeting on Sept. 25th -- we voted against the change, as it limited the SGPS memberships' ability to govern its Constitution
- The SGPS Executive have initiated a process to gather insight from all departments on how to increase presence at Council Meetings (and General Meetings): looking at changing the model so that more Council

representatives show up (believe there are supposed to be ~80 reps and we consistently have 25-30 people at meetings)--e.g., losing vote if your representatives are absent from certain number of meetings; changes to funding if your department is not represented on Council (there will be 3 options and they will provide more information at the town-hall meetings--we weren't provided a thorough overview at Council)

- Student Advisors will reach out to our Faculty, but we can be proactive and contact them to arrange a town-hall style meeting for our membership to learn more about the proposed changes and offer their input on changes to the model
- Possibility of circulating a survey for us to gather more input on how we should vote (and Executive should consider this in light of the possibility of future Executives having positions unfilled) so even those who cannot attend town-hall can learn about the options and have their say
- Consultation process (with over 75 departments) is to be completed before the Nov. 6th Council Meeting--this is so that the recommendations can be considered and voted on prior to the election process that starts in January (We did question them on this tight timeline, considering the number of departments from which they have to gather feedback)
- As always, please refer to the SGPS website and newsletter for SGPS events and calls for committees, funding opportunities, etc.
 - Our membership will benefit especially from the Thesis Therapy sessions being held every Thursday
 - There is a new SGPS lounge open in the JDUC
 - Oct. 23/24 there will be town-halls on topic of international students (their programming and experiences, etc.), and on the topic of time to completion issues
- Meeting Schedule for the year has been approved:

Month	Reports Due at 5:00pm	Meeting Date at 5:30pm
November 2018	Tuesday November 6 2018	Tuesday November 13 2018
Fall GM 2018	Tuesday November 20 2018	Tuesday November 27 2018
December 2018	Tuesday December 4 2018	Tuesday December 11 2018
January 2019	Tuesday January 8 2019	Tuesday January 15 2019
February 2019	Tuesday February 5 2019	Tuesday February 12 2019
Winter GM 2019	Tuesday February 19 2019	Tuesday February 26 2019
March 2019	Tuesday March 5 2019	Tuesday March 12 2019
April 2019	Tuesday April 2 2019	Tuesday April 9 2019
May 2019	Tuesday May 7 2019	Tuesday May 14 2019

- If there is anything you want us to bring to Council, please let us know prior to the “Reports Due” date
- Highlighted at the General Meetings, which all are free and encouraged to attend

Nominating (Dawei Yang)

Renewal, Tenure & Promotion (Amir Rasooli)

- Nothing to report (The first meeting was on July 30th).

Strategic Planning (Lizze Yan)

- The first meeting for this academic year will be on Oct. 15th.

Good & Welfare (Elizabeth Sharp)

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Part-Time Student Representative (Melissa Duggan)

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Co-Academic Events Coordinators (Alice Johnston; Rebecca Stroud Stasel)

- Update on roles/our work
- Feedback requested on plans for this academic year
- Social Justice- Article writing

International Student Representative (Maria Shaikh)

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Website & Communications (Natalie Green)

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

- **Upcoming Events:**

- [Fort Fright Night](#) - Thursday, October 25th; 8:30-10:00
- [Trivia Night](#) - Wednesday, November 14th; 7pm
- Holiday Social - Tuesday, December 4th; TBA

5. Any Other Business

6. Adjournment: Approval to End the Meeting.