

EGSS Minutes September 8th, 2015

Present: Jim, Stefan, Luna, Heather B., Glenda, Ian, Jessica C., Karen.

Regrets: Mike, Murdoch, Jessica R., Heather C., Britney.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
 - Jessica C., Karen
- 3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**
- 4. Business Arising from last meeting**
- 5. EGSS Meetings – modified Roberts Rules of Order; notice of meetings; frequency; length; location; items for agenda**
- 6. 2015-2016 EGSS Executive (over)**
 - Missing positions include (a) Faculty Board Master's Rep, (b) Graduate Studies and Research Master's Rep, (c) Treasurer, (d) Part-Time Student Rep, and (e) Website and Communications
- 7. EGSS Constitution & procedure for filling vacancies – “acting” positions in interim? Working group re updating/amending constitution**
 - Heather and Britney moved from acting members as co-social reps to officially holding position together
 - Jim, Jessica C., Ian volunteer to be working group re updating/amending constitution, will set up time to meet, will talk to Chi about procedure, history, rationale
- 8. Role and mandate of EGSS; focus and goals for 2015-16; Glenda's article**
 - Role/Mandate includes advocacy for change, building inclusive environment, maintaining support systems already in place. We need to encourage people to be a part of events.
 - Focus/Goals include building better connections between EGSS, RBJSE, GSMP, putting together a newsletter (Jim)
- 9. Upcoming dates and events (New Grad. Student Welcome – Sept. 11th)**
- 10. Financial Report (Karen) & requests for funding**
 - Need to establish consistent system for evaluating requests for funding. Will fall under working group responsibilities.
- 11. Social Events – Proposed Wine Tasting at Fort Henry, other**
 - Ice cream social and sports (Sept. 17)
 - Holiday event at Grizzly Grill (Dec.)
 - Wine tasting (Sept. 25)
- 12. Updates – Rosa Bruno-Jofre Symposium in Education; Graduate Mentoring Program (Ian)**
 - RBJSE set for February 24-25th, will have focus on knowledge mobilization and more posters
 - GSMP meet-and-greet planned for Sept. 10th
- 13. Faculty website (update, including pics), social media**
 - Website and Communications can take this on, wait for new exec
- 14. Update: Online Graduate Programs (GDPI & PME)**

- Growing in number of students
- Online students are not part of EGSS

15. PSAC – union for TAs, GTFs

- Rep. will attend Friday welcoming events

16. Other items for discussion

- Crowd funding for causes (e.g., Syrian refugees)

17. Next meeting date?

- Will doodle poll after new exec is set

18. Adjournment

- Stefan, Jess C.