

March EGSS Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 13th

Time: 4:00PM- 5:00PM

Location: Graduate Student Lounge

Present:

Not Present: Lauren Curtas, Clarissa de Leon, Rebecca Stroud Stasel, Kaitlind Peters, , Julie Yaqi Hao, Newsha Ziaian-Ghafari, Stephen MacGregor, Heather Braund, Sawyer Hogenkamp, Kyle Robinson, Trevor Strong, Jessica Rich, Voila David, Britney Lester, Jenna-Leigh Di Nardo, Cory Piedalue, Michael Aquino, JJ Bosica, Eleftherios Soleas, Suparna Roy, Jackson Pind,

Minutes:

1. Approval of Agenda

- First: Sawyer
- Second: Voila

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- First: Stephen
- Second : Voila

3. Business Arising

- None

4. Executive Reports

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

President (Terry Soleas)

- Constitutional Revisions- put to the end. Moving the election cycle from May- April to be June- May

RBJSE Liaison- Heather Braund (Chair)

- I would like to extend a warm thank you to all students that helped to organize RBJSE and to all students who attended. I have received some really positive feedback about the symposium which results from the hard work of our larger team. Please remember to fill out the qualtrics survey if you have not done so already, as our future chair will use that when planning for RBJSE next year.

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

- The next ESMHI meeting will be coming up shortly where plans for the annual April Wellness Event will be discussed. If you have any ideas, please feel free to share them with any of us on the committee or come join us at the grad club (the location of the next meeting)! Though the location has been fixed, the date of the next ESMHI meeting is yet to be determined - the doodle poll is here:

<https://doodle.com/poll/5wstcwfe2sfma72g>

- Jacob (a fourth year psych student at Queen's and Judy Wearing's son), wanting to encourage mental well-being, is creating short videos on his spare time. He has reached out to ESMHI and has shared his first video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0ORj51R4tc>). This first video took around 300 hours to complete.

Vice-President (Jackson Pind)

- **The last day for SGPS 2nd election voting is today; for President, Graduate Student Trustee, Ontario Public Interest Research Group, and Bus it fee.**
- **The results will be determined later tonight at the Council Meeting.**

- **Budget was reworked to account for \$100,000 on Health plan that would no longer be covered by PSAC 901 due to the new TA agreement.**
- **Health plan is up for renewal and executives are working on new coverage over the next few months**

- **AMS will voted again on JDUC proposal in the fall of 2018, to see if the renovation will go ahead if planned, graduate students voted for the project with 77%. Council believes regardless of the decision it is clear that Grad students want their own space on campus.**

- **Smoke Free Campus proposal was voted down, due to a variety of factors including addiction and support staff who would be forced off campus if they needed to smoke.**

4.1 Treasurer [John (JJ) Bosica]

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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.)

- Incoming update on March 21st!

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

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4.5 Nominating (Sawyer Hogenkamp)

- Nah.

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

- Nothing to report.

4.7 Strategic Planning (Jessica Rich)

- The Strategic Planning Committee is hosting the Annual Retreat for Faculty and GTFs at the Donald Gordon Centre on Monday May 19th (all-day)
- The purpose of the Retreat is to engage in a visioning retreat – to build from the successes of last year’s Faculty Retreat and provide further insight on the proposed six themes of the Academic Plan. What do these themes mean to you? What needs to be emphasized in the Academic Plan? And how will we measure success moving forward?

- We will then move into 6 brainstorming sessions on the following themes:

- **Foster Excellence**

- o Teaching

- o Research

- **Support Sustainability**

- o System responsiveness to changing education needs and the community

- o Support digitalization

- **Increase Internationalization**

- o Teaching and research

- o Building relationships and partnerships
- **Enhance Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity**
- o In our community
- o In our programs
- **Build Community**
- o Physical
- o Collegiality
- o Partnerships
- **Enrich Well-Being**
- o Cognitive, emotional, physical, social

4.8 Appointments (Stephen MacGregor)

- All posted positions have been filled. For those who may not be aware of the new hires, you can expect to meet the following new faculty members in the coming months:
 - o Ms. (soon to be Dr.) Claire Ahn, Assistant Professor in the area of Multiliteracies
 - o Dr. Michelle Searle, Assistant Professor in the area of Evaluation in Education
 - o Dr. Ian Matheson, Assistant Professor in the area of Exceptional Learners
 - o Dr. Jordan Shurr, Associate Professor in the area of Exceptional Learners

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)\

- WIPS and the Skills Sharing Workshops will start in April (5th and 19th, respectively). Rebecca and I will send out details to the listerv. You can check out the googledocs here:
 - WIPS: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nE7Y8ZOTXUQ0j5JA_DuaGzrDo1oeds3cQGksiqF7UVg/edit?usp=sharing
 - Skills Workshop: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IP1So5-n5-woKfQh8VKqRVdYakCTbpBB3Kb5bpq6qsO/edit?usp=sharing>
- We currently do not have any presenters scheduled for the first skills workshop. If you have an idea, please email us at clarissa.deleon@queensu.ca / rebecca.stroud@queensu.ca

4.12 International Student Representative (Voila David)

- NO-ROOZ (Persian New year) is on Wednesday, March 21st. Newsha has set-up HAFT-SEEN in the graduate lounge. A potluck is proposed. Amir, Tahira, Newsha and Voila will prepare Persian food and bring it in the lounge for lunch. All are welcome. It would be kind if some people brought drinks or dessert.

4.13 Website & Communications (Trevor Strong)

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

- March 17th- St. Patty's- 11:30
- April 20th - End of Year Social
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5. Any Other Business

- New election cycle- July- June
- Voila, Christina, Sawyer - Writing Retreat for Scholarly Writing Workshop - tentatively set for April 6-8 - pending funding and interest

6. Adjournment: Approval to End the Meeting

First: Voila

Second: Jenna-Leigh

MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2018

Minutes- March 14th 2018- 4PM

-Jessica, Newsha, JJ, Sawyer, , Heather, Stephen, Jackson, **Michael**,

Terry- lighting round with updates from committee and talking about constitutional revisions, latest and greatest from grad

Approval of agenda- sawyer, voila,

Minutes- Stephen and voila minutes

Business arising- none

-Newsha- through SGPS- march elections- referendum, reflected by population

Heather- RBJSE- thank you for everyone, who helped out, circulated survey for rbjse for next year, attended any of the planning please fill it out for next year chair,

Terry- thanks for Heather's leadership, rewarding for many students

ESHMI- next meeting for April will be solidified, any ideas feel free to share with ESHMI- volunteer-

- Location has been fixed but fill out doodle poll, judy wearing son coming to bring in youtube stuff

- Part-time fee needs to have a voice in the elections

Jackson report from google doc as stated-

John- money came in and money came out, \$4,000 everything accounted for from ESHMI and EGSS mixed,

Terry- probably another 20% of the election, spend on summer convocation and end of year social, subsidizing tickets for semi-formal.

-John- was mixed in not sure about how it came in, not Chinese new year

Terry- retroactively figure it out, going forward separate it

- Buy factor analysis workshop page- library copy, and lounge

-John- any essential books do we need?

Jessica- recommend to Brenda and its super simple

Michael - will bring it up at meeting in library committee, list of books or resources

Newsha- SPSS book, Nivo book

-John- can they take it out for full year in grad lounge?

Michael- will ask about

Newswha- should we have sign out book?

Terry- tie string around person and book, so they know

Jessica- put it on reference so its easy to track,

Terry- library can go Robocop and track it down?

JJ- ask question to students,

Newsha- strict guidelines for reference materials, having their feedback, we don't necessarily need

Terry- books and journals survey and then we will ask Brenda about to grab them

-Newsha- If resources aren't counted towards library or uploaded online, only counts as one source, so they don't have resource about how valuable it is.

Terry- not fair use, if you don't go through the library, technically form of academic theft, charge too much for articles anyways.

No faculty board meeting In march, next one in April

Michael - meeting was cancelled for faculty board and research, meeting next week-, not a lot of people could go for next meeting,

Terry- send it out on email if anything peritent.

Sawyer- NTR-

Terry- did you do it by T9?

Sawyer- blackberry is very inefficient.

Terry- Graduate studies and research issues?

Michael ?- anything on the the survey that was sent out?

Terry- Will send out another survey about comps and comments from teds survey

Jessica- where is the process at for phd revision?

Michael—been a while seen we met, everything up in the air, while don was still here, not been pin down? , just for PHD students for now.

Terry- SGPS-

Newsha- nothing from nominating-

Jessica- strategic planning, met again, and working towards the annual retreat at Donald Gordon centre- graduate teaching fellow, faculty, on the 19th, engage on focus visioning, what we have done is narrowed down feedback from the last retreat 6 themes-

- 1.- Foster Excellence o Teaching o Research
- 2.- Support Sustainability o System responsiveness to changing education needs and the community o Support digitalization
- 3.- Increase Internationalization o Teaching and research o Building relationships and partnerships –
- 4.-Enhance Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity o In our community o In our programs
- 5.- Build Community o Physical o Collegiality o Partnerships
- 6.- Enrich Well-Being

Asking us if there is anything added to the table that we would like? Way the meeting is structure in the morning 2 of the themes, in the afternoon will have to pick one. Can bring strong thoughts to table if we are worried about, trying to develop strategic framework about upcoming leadership decisions, and document will be made from meeting making it. Really slow process in all honesty.

Newsha- more transparency for appointments, fiscal space, school of graduate studies, larger student population of it decisions being made, comes back to community

Jessica- more of a communication policy would be welcomed, a lot we could bring to table, almost overwhelming. Process was externally and internally led faculty and graduate student retreats, those themes were a point of contact for each sub-working groups, report on each of the concerns, and those concerns were made into themes by someone hired externally to pick them out, map onto most strategic frameworks for schools in graduate studies. Concerns back to themes, very generic, I will see what happens. Interesting process and kind of frustrating process.

Stephen- not much to report, all posting positions have been filled, 4 people coming in,

- o - Ms. (soon to be Dr.) Claire Ahn, Assistant Professor in the area of Multiliteracies
- o Dr. Michelle Searle,
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Exceptional Learners

Some great people coming in soon

-Newsha- any idea of positions next year

Stephen- Rebecca does seem adamant she wants to build faculty, one to replace Don seems likely if Rebecca wants it, committee work is done! Mic drop. Not privy to any information, special search committee, graduate student representative.

Terry- proper search for associate dean of graduate studies in ongoing.

Newsha- we are well.

Jenna- nothing to report, Bingo Bob is not around?

Rebecca- met with Ted and Clarissa, two initiatives for support from him, broaden academic events here, first is WIPS- works in progress sessions, intended for faculty support with graduate students in process, like to see this happen once a month, Vernon Ready room for grad students to attend and collaborate, 2 grad students 5-7 presentations and discussion, really does not want to see any powerpoints. First session is April 5th 12:30-1:30, two presenters and 7 attendees

-skill sharing workshop- first is on April 19th, graduate students to share skills we may not know about

-one graduate student for each session and facilitating the workshop on skills they should know

-Newsha- How is the faculty supporting WIPS? Roundtable discussant?

Rebecca- I think so,

Terry- no particular discussion how faculty will be supporting it, will be asking graduate faculty, politely ask them, (x2), faculty share, lackluster faculty and student attendance, may be getting changed next year, with more faculty members- may see uptick with untenured professors helping out.

Voila- newsha and I are planning for Persian New Year- prepare a potluck you are welcome to attend, bring dessert or drinks- any kind of desserts- on the 20th march, will move to Theran time zone- know exactly what time, 7 different things are laid out for week before.

Voila- go to the March 17th St.Pats at 11:30- the merchant and our prom April 20th, 2018- happily ever after, please buy tickets to the event.

Terry: Heather will be more social and I will be talking with my pint, early you can go at 11 am.

Terry: Writing Retreat-

Sawyer- writing retreat- Christina, voila and sawyer, planning event to get out of us here, north, camp an hour away, weekend getaways, foresty setting, can do social activities

-invite some guest speakers and have a few workshops, set for April 6-8th- 2018-

-UNSUBSIDIZED Cost is \$125, trying to get it down to \$65- planning this pending funding and interest- good number of people going around 30 – includes all your meals and staying there

-Newsha- copying PhD writing retreat?

Terry: how many do you need to make it viable?

Viola- 12 people need to be going

Terry- can be viable of grad list survey-

Viola- 12 people can come no restrictions-

Terry- term as SGPS president, came at interesting time, and different time then faculty, this year on appointments, the faculty filled appointments committee with supervisory committee, forced off committee, to alleviate that is to have them enrolled at same time as faculty members

PROPOSE: Election sections run may 1st- April 30th, too soon if we don't change it, having it start in middle of year, rather than ease into roles, social coordinators need to plan event 2 weeks after being elected, move from July 1st- June 30th election cycle, need to revise constitution, can do that with quorum, and questions from student populace- issue with EGSS- someone told me to go walk into traffic go with Ted, 3 proctored sessions can come to the constitution, bring influence that I will not be participating or running the sessions- google doc to rent out conference room and be recommended on constitutions, will be debated on executive and then voted on and referendum

-Jessica- possible to break constitution, to electronic survey, every student has link and opportunity to comment revisions to be made, no accusations, any moderator could be accused of selective listening or whatever, this way every student has the opportunity to change the initiative.

Terry- Someone claimed I violated someone else human rights.

Jessica- someone always going to claim it was unfair.

Sawyer- Suggestion for each person submits individual reports, so someone compiles the feedback into section

Newsha- done anonymous as well and compiled together into the one. Qualtrics? Set it up with open response

Sawyer- can do this junk, and open format for them to change or revision

Newsha- EGSS can do meeting to debate the changes

JJ- meeting to public and can vote on constitution

Terry- needs to go out to referendum regardless, make decision and then put it out to vote

jj- as open as possible

Jenna- Does that mean we all maintain positions until June, need approval?

Terry- would make a vote on it for the referendum and specifically known for extending our terms, by 2 months of our current positions.

“Sawyer-“ can you draft language for that nominating procedures.

Jessica- it helps for committees generally- awkward period of time, that is really confusing, elected in April and waiting for committees to function and very confusing will solve these issues.

-Terry- qualtrics survey

-Jessica- makes it anonymous,

Terry- above reproach on this issue

Newsha- one response per person?

Terry- Yes for not ballot stuffing, if you later on could think of something neutral,

-Sawyer- will be neutral, as he was elected to be one

Terry- sawyer is neutral, will stay that way.

ADJOUN- voila-first, seconded Jenna

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