

EGSS Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11th, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Location: Graduate Student Lounge

Present: Terry Soleas, Kyle Robinson, Cory Piedalue, Britney Lester, Michael T. Aquino, Sawyer Hogenkamp, Julie Yaqi Hao, Newsha Ziaian-Ghafari, Jessica Rich, John (JJ) Bosica, Rebecca Stroud Stasel, Clarissa de Leon, Lauren Curtas, Kaitlind Peters, Trevor Strong, Voila David, Stephen MacGregor

Secrets: Jenna-Leigh Di Nardo

Minutes: Trevor

1. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Kyle
- Seconded by Jessica

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

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3. Business Arising

4. Executive Reports

4.0 President and Vice-President Reports (Terry Soleas and Stephen MacGregor)

President- let's deal with this at the end

1. **First**, with Don's endorsement I have an idea for a lunch program that would connect graduate students and faculty members. I want to discuss this with all of you for further refinements. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OCQEKxXzAK5N4Wy1hEVzrQUp30WQL5nPDZx6vY5W24/edit?usp=sharing>
2. **Second**, I am a big believer in the power of ideas, I want you to bring forward any idea that you have to improve the life of graduate students in our faculty. I will seek out funding as necessary to help you mobilize your ideas.

3. **Third**, anyone who has any ideas for Faculty members that they'd like to see present at FacultyShare, please let me know. I'm to submit a list to Don for him to approach. Azza is the first name on this list. We're looking to have people that have not presented very recently. **Send these along to me ASAP. I'll tally up the names and suggest the most popular names.**
 4. Fourth, The Information Services and Technology Student Advisory Committee is requesting a student representative from the EGSS.
5. **Fifth**, I have some constitutional reforms to get the ball rolling on some equity issues like Conflicts of Interests on Committees like our situation on appointments, where a duly elected student was prevented from sitting on the committee she was elected to sit on. This can be solved a couple of ways and I'm bringing ideas to address this source of injustices- current and future. I look forward to speaking to each of these and enjoying a healthy discussion.
1. First, is sorting out when our elections happen to align our elections with those of Faculty
 2. Second, is provisions that two executive members are able to switch committee portfolios (We should discuss this possibility)
 3. Third, one of my proposed reforms for your consideration is that all students running for EGSS must have a signed letter from their advisor, this facilitates a discussion while also putting the Faculty member on notice that their student is running for a position to help avoid conflicts of interests in the future
 4. Fourth, I want to create a few new EGSS positions:
 - i. Namely, around 3 Members-at-large positions. These are positions that can be filled by students who demonstrate interest or lost elections- I intent to make a space for people who want to be involved rather than saying better luck next year.
 - ii. Second, I want to revive the position of the RBJSE chair serving on council as a liaison between the EGSS and RBJSE. In the past, this has kept folks up to date and allows the RBJSE chair to coordinate with our executive and with our events coordinators to avoid scheduling overlaps. This also offers a solution to a long running problem, I look forward to briefing you on in person.
5. We need to address the fact that Stephen is stepping down from Vice-President in order to cover Appointments- it's too much for one person to cover both responsibilities. This requires the passing of a resolution to allow

Motion for Stephen to be Appointments. Motion: Terry. Passed.

4.1 Treasurer (John (JJ) Bosica)

- Update for balance of account - \$2,595.06

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

- Very uneventful summer, our next meeting is October 16th- The only thing that Kyle and I had to do this summer was pass all the teacher candidates- the act of conferring their degree requires a unanimous vote from Faculty Board
 - It is possible to not pass some students (and some didn't this year, so some of you may see some familiar faces in your classes)
- Kyle:
 - Some notes from Rebecca's Dean's address:

- Our numbers are a bit low on the M.Ed side, so we've put in place a Coordinator of Student Recruitment - Dr. Chris DeLuca. He'll be looking for new students both in the B.Ed and abroad, and start to look to new and innovative ways of recruiting.
- The new colloquium structure/time to completion is now in place for our incoming/just started students
- We are going to start reviewing/revising the M.Ed program, although this will likely be on hold as we look for a new Associate Dean of Graduate Studies (my understanding is that our interim Associate Dean won't be heading this task)
- Rebecca mentioned that we are hiring three positions this year (Steve will likely discuss this?), but that next year, Rebecca has budgeted for an *additional* three positions. We are not sure what these positions will be (although there are some educated guesses), so if you have suggestions, please send them to myself and/or Terry and we'll forward them to Faculty Board.

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

- Nothing to report.

4.4 SGPS Representative (Cory Piedalue, M.Ed Representative; Stephen MacGregor, Vice-President)

- Terry sat in on the council meeting as Cory and Stephen both were unable to make it.
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4.5 Nominating (Sawyer Hogenkamp)

- Sawyer was on the Information Technology- Student Advisory Committee last year, he has agreed to attend the committee again.

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

- The RTP committee members have met and initiated the process
- Nothing else to report (because I don't know what is and isn't confidential)

4.7 Strategic Planning (Jessica Rich)

- Meeting date TBD
- Nothing to report at this time

4.8 Appointments (Heather Braund elected- Stephen MacGregor-interim)

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4.9 Good & Welfare (Julie Yaqi Hao)

- Thanks to the ESMHI peers for setting up the Remembrance Wall for Dr. John Freeman;

- Welcome Suparna back on the committee to help and function as a liaison with the EGSS and ESMHI-Confirmatory vote to be held
- “Hold the date!” cards soon on student street and in the library to advertise the Alzheimer’s coffee morning on October 2nd.

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

I spoke with Virginia at the Grad Club today regarding our request. She indicated that while we are welcome to place a plaque, the Grad Club is looking for more permanent tributes to professors passed. An idea that was suggested is to install a more permanent tribute, in the form of a bicycle rack on the Union Street portion of the Grad Club. I am including a couple of photos of the area that I took today. Virginia suggested that the tribute be in the form of a permanent plaque set in concrete, with the bicycle rack(s) flanking one side.

Virginia also mentioned that I speak with Bob (Robert) Burge regarding this, as he has also had a conversation with the Grad Club regarding this. I have no problem speaking with Bob about this idea, provided you (and council) are in favour with this. Virginia also mentioned that she would send some kind of estimate for the bicycle rack. I would assume that funds would be acquired via fundraising or donation in John's name, but on that, I am not sure.

As for the plaque in cement idea, does it surprise you that my grandfather was a cement mason, and his eldest son is the uncle I've been chatting with regarding a plaque? Insert an "It's all in the Italian family" comment/joke here.

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

Thursdays 12pm-3pm: Reserved time for graduate student events. We have firmed up the fall dates. They are as follows:

Fall 2017 Term

Sept 28th- Proposal Share, Mezzanine (1pm-3pm)

- Specifically targeted for people writing proposals for the SSHRC deadline on Oct 19th but open to everyone

Oct 12th- Grad Guide + Town Hall, 342 A/B (11:30pm-2:30pm)

- Panel discussion, mentorship lunch, Town Hall with Don

Nov 2nd- ScholarShare, either Mezzanine or VRR (12pm-3pm)

- 3 grad student presentations

Nov 16th to 17th- Writer’s Retreat, Library (all day)

- Writing activities and a fun day with a supportive writing community

5. Faculty of Education Academic Research Showcase (FEARS) tentatively set for Oct 19th

4.12 International Student Representative (Voila David)

- Nothing to report.

4.13 Website & Communications (Trevor Strong)

- Looking into Facebook page. MySpace? ICQ messenger? Ask Jeeves search results? AOL? Messenger Pigeons

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

- Welcome back social on September 18th. At the Iron Duke.
- Fall Convocation - November 16th starts at 2:30pm

5. Any Other Business

- Library Advisory Committee members – M.Ed and PhD members needed for this year IF Kyle and Stephen Macgregor do not want to continue (their term was 1 year but with the possibility of extension so it's up to them). - **This is supposed to be Britney and Michael as per their role as GS&R.**
- Organize a "Citation Management" session together for grad/faculty for maybe in October when the TCs are out? Ben Kutsyuruba offered to demo & discuss EndNote some time ago and I'm sure he is still willing to be a part of such an event if EGSS is interested?
- Do you have advice for how the Library could best connect with PhD candidates who are new to Queen's? We don't currently have a way to offer them an introduction to the Library services & best navigation methods to the literature – but would be happy to meet with them one-on-one or maybe better for them in as a small, informal group? The intro could be open to anyone who wants a review –
- Remind everyone about the new meeting room in the Education Library – B126 – and any Queen's student can book it at the link on this page under Quick Links.
- Duncan McArthur Branding Committee - Updates
- Sawyer, technology committee?
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- Suparna as liaison for ESMHI: motion: Terry Seconded: Kyle, Passed
- RBJSE chair rejoining EGSS: Motion: Terry, Seconded: Newsha, Passed
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6. Adjournment: Approval to End the Meeting

- Voila motioned, Stephen Seconded