

EGSS Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13th, 2017

Time:

Location: Graduate Student Lounge

Present: JJ Bosica, Newsha Ziaian-Ghafari, Stephen MacGregor, Heather Braund, Terry Eleftherios, Jessica Rish, Sawyer Hogenkamp, Suparna Roy, Michael Aquino, Julie Yaqi Hao, Viola David, Rebecca Stroud Stasel, Cory Piedalue, Kaitlind Peters

Not Present: Britney Lester, Jackson Pind, Jenna-Leigh Di Nardo, Kyle Robinson, Trevor Strong, Lauren Curtas, Clarissa de Leon.

Minutes:

1. Approval of Agenda

- First: Voila
- Seconded: Michael

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- First: Sawyer
- Second: Michael

3. Business Arising

4. Executive Reports

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

President (Terry Soleas)

- In additional business. Can wait until the end.

RBJSE Liaison- Heather Braund (Chair)

- Had a recent Organizing committee, everything seems on track. If interested in volunteering for the days of the conference for a few hours please contact Heather at (heather.braund@queensu.ca)
- Date for submission is January 18th

ESMHI Liaison- Suparna Roy

- Block Printing Party - THIS WEDNESDAY from 10am to 2pm in A330 - the art room!!! 28 people have signed up! Look at how much fun block printing can be!

[Block Printing Party sign-up/pizza](#)



- Future event: Last week of January 2018 - Bell Let's Talk event Hockey Tournament Grads vs. Faculty? (Jackson Pind)
- February 14th 2018 - Heart-felt felting workshop (Tiina Kukkonen)
- Advertise what/when you can!

Vice-President (Jackson Pind)

- Nothing to report from Stephen (outgoing VP)

4.1 Treasurer [John (JJ) Bosica]

- EGSS Total as of November 13th 2017 - \$2,460.43

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

- Next meeting is November 20th, 2017
- Derek Berg, Lynda Colgan and Ben Kutsyruba have been nominated by EGSS to present for the 2017/2018 year. Erin is working with presenters to organize one for November, January and March.
- Final Enrollment Numbers for 2017/2018 (part-time and full-time):
 - Ph.D. 70
 - M.Ed. 122

- GDPI/PME 339
- Discussion on who has access to graduate student services

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

- M.Ed Revisions: Graduate students will be involved. An individual member will be picked to explore options and build upon ideas that are both broad and in-depth in nature. (Still Editing)* A jumble of ideas.
 - Potential allowing for specialization of M.Ed. program as a result of these revisions
- Meeting was mostly Ph.D. oriented, graduate students were not included in this discussion at the discretion of faculty
- Committee is discussing the inclusion of Comprehensive Exam 3 in the Ph.D. program, while reducing the amount of time to program completion for students
- Comprehensive exam 2 is not working so they are discussing the revisions (as it relates to the ethics application process). The original purpose of Comprehensive 2 was not to be a proposal
- Meeting on Wednesday may add to the clarity (hopefully)
- Terry will distribute a google doc after our EGSS meeting to gain input from PhD students about improvements to the program

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

- SGPS Special Meeting November 1, 2017- \$68.8 million renovation to JDUC
- Very limited information about logistics coming from the SGPS
- The SGPS share will be approx 7 Mil. for a 10% share (essentially 1 member on the board of the JDUC)
- Cory met with the SGPS president (Adam) on Nov 13
- The Education faculty makes-up 22% of the voting body for SGPS
- The EGSS is planning for a meeting with the SGPS president with the expectation that real information and logistics will be presented

4.5 Nominating (Sawyer Hogenkamp)

- Quick review of by-election - ideas to better advertise spring election
- Jackson Pind has been elected as our Vice-President through the bi-election
- We need a higher turnout for voters so how can we increase that

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

- Nothing to report
- Meeting November 28th

4.7 Strategic Planning (Jessica Rich)

- We had our first meeting on November 1st (side note - is it still possible to align our EGSS terms with the faculty standing committee calendar?)
- SPC is looking to develop a new strategic plan for our Faculty which will take us through 2022. We haven't had an updated Strategic Plan for quite some time now. Mutual agreement that one is needed to inform decision making moving forward
- Looking for themes across priority areas (internationalization, research prominence, physical space, financial stability, B.Ed. Program, Graduate Program)
 - Looking to hire someone external to do the thematic analysis... quickly (hopefully have a report back to us by December)
 - Next meeting is scheduled for December 4th. At this point, we will review the thematic analysis and decide on next steps for developing the strategic framework

4.8 Appointments (Stephen MacGregor)

- Nothing to report.
- It is important to attend Job Talks in the future

4.9 Good & Welfare (Julie Yaqi Hao) -

- Clothes for Kids Campaign Going on.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Writing retreat this Thursday and Friday (Nov 16 and 17)-- last event of the semester
 - Approximately 20 people will be attending
 - Presentations are scheduled to support writing (E.g., RBJSE, Endnote)
 - Can we borrow the grad lounge kettle and coffee maker? Terry says: YES
- Currently revising winter events schedule (to be discussed next meeting)
 - Winter ScholarShare
 - Ideas Cafe
 - Mental wellness collab with ESMHI
 - Some kind of writing workshop with Chris DeLuca

4.12 International Student Representative (Voila David)

- Question: Is it possible to subsidize the budget for a Chinese New Years dinner?
- Options for venue will be explored (Mandarin, Peony Express, etc.)
- Julie: New restaurant has opened in downtown Northern Chinese Barbeque

4.13 Website & Communications (Trevor Strong)

- Nothing to report.

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

- Post-Thanksgiving Potluck
- Convocation November 16th
- Holiday Social- December 1st (6:30pm - 9:30 at Blu Martini) Tickets on sale until Nov 27th for 10\$
 - Semi-formal attire

5. Any Other Business

- Sawyer is on RA bargaining committee, will likely be polling grad students about research assistantships and the issues that may arising in January 2018. Favouritism? Pay? Hours? Working conditions? Etc.

- Negotiations are currently in process with Queen's University, it may be a while until the committee is in effect

- We need to fix the conference room and get ideas for a revitalization of the grad lounge. I propose a survey for folks asking about new small appliances like a coffee maker and a kettle that doesn't occasionally drop iron flecks everywhere.
 - We might also want to thinking about a T.V. for the conference room rather than trying to get a broken projector to work and somehow get it mounted by PPS who don't think the ceiling will take it.
 - Executive has voted in favour of Terry sending out an email to the larger graduate student committee about changes they may want to have made to the lounge

6. Adjournment: Approval to End the Meeting

- J.J. & Newsha