



EGSS Council Meeting Minutes

February 24th, 2016 @ 2:30pm

Room: EDUC 233

Attendance: Damyan Edwards (DE), Loredana Marchica (LM), Yaxi Zhao (YZ), Megha Nagar (MN), Marie-Michelle Boulanger (MMB), Micah Tilley (MT), Emily Stubbart (ES), France Courtemenche (FC), Elif Wonders (EW), Paul Gomes (PG)

Regrets: Sara Abdallah (SA), Christina Spinelli (CS), Chloe Garcia (CG)

1. Approval of the meeting minutes for January 2016 meeting (1')
 - a. MMB, ES 2nded
2. Approval of the meeting agenda for February, 2016 meeting (1')
 - a. MT, MMB 2nded
3. Revised application with budget (20')-DT
 - a. see attached file "2016 Application to the EGSS solidarity Fund"
→ Suggested for a revise and resubmit
: How the money will used (what the student duties/tasks specifically are), and more information how will benefit the students
 - b. **NOTE:** on website funding amount needs to be revised and include e-mail, revise write-up of how solidarity is explained
4. Deans Meeting update (10')-DT
 - a. Alain B: letter to fix street, nothing can do about it because it's the city's property, and if anything it needs to go straight to McGill → letter would need to go directly to McGill or City
 - DE: PGSS also working on this issue and are working on a letter for the city
 - b. TA vs grading assistant issue: funding allocated to department and department decides how it gets allocated. AGSEM take care of all union aspects for teaching, grading rates for students. So nothing really can do about rate, and positions.
 - Suggest to make an announcement on this issue at council or exec meeting of what it means and how can benefit students.
 - c. Speaker Series March 10th 2:15pm- 3:15pm
 - MN: suggested we send out e-mail to faculty as well on when speaker series will be



- MMB: suggested an update on website for Speaker Series
- d. Next meeting will be in April
- 5. GSEA Award update (15') –MMB
 - a. Prof development: 6 applications
 - b. Research development: 25 applications
 - Decided on 1 professional development and 4 Research development
 - Winner Professional: 1) Maggie McDonald
 - Winners Research: 1) Julia Alain, 2) Theo Commeau 3) Amanda Saxe 4) Eli Retta?
 - MMB to contact winners by end of day
 - c. June 15 next GSEA and will be doing the fellowships around that time too
- 6. Conference Chair Update (10')-MN
 - a. MN: elevator pitch still open to register→ pairing with CG with skillsets on how to give an elevator pitch (150\$ award for winner of that and competition will occur during lunch)
 - b. lunch to be moved to coach house
 - c. poster session moved to library area, with specific time allotted to posters (not during lunch)
 - d. Schedule constructed in next couple of weeks
 - e. Research proposal submissions: faculty involvement (try to get more faculty involvement beyond 1)
 - f. ECP also providing a plaque award, for the posters excellence award
 - g. Dean's meeting: want more contribution to ask→ have them present award or introduce keynote speaker, both?
- 7. Broken Microwave in student lounge (5')-ES
 - a. someone switched it with the undergrad common rooms
 - b. buy a new microwave, and give undergrads theirs
 - c. MMB: buy plate cover and leave in microwave to avoid splatter
- 8. AOB (5')
 - a. next meeting week before conference
 - b. Parties
 - c. GA going to be around elections



- After party GA will be at Thomson

Motion to adjourn @ **3:40pm**: YZ, MN 2nded