



**General Assembly  
Coach House – Room 200  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 – 3:30pm  
AGENDA**

**Meeting called to order: 3:30pm**

**Chair:** Domenico Tullo

1. Welcome message (2.5)

Domenico Tullo, President

- Overview of meeting procedures
- Goal of EGSS this year: Helping in transitions from school to work, promote student work

2. Overview of the meeting (5)

- Done by President, Domenico Tullo

3. Approval of the Agenda (2.5)

- Approved (seconded by Chloe Garcia and Devin Mills)

4. Introduction of Council (10)

a. Marie-Michelle Boulanger, VP Academic

- Represents academic interests of students
- Major goals of the year: to promote student research, facilitating and giving opportunities to present student work.
  - Ex. Speaker Series
  - Annual conference
  - Travel awards (by draw)
  - Fellowship awards (currently re-structuring how allotted and named)

b. Chloe Garcia, VP Communications

- Website changes
- More visibility in the department through posters
- Contact person for general inquiries and info for newsletter

c. Emily Stubbert Co-VP student life

- Goal to bring visibility from all departments (see slides)

d. Vanessa Weva and Magha Nagar Co-Conference chairs

- EGSS conference at end of year
- Currently putting together a sub-committee, good way for students to get involved

e. Magaret Amos, Dice rep: absent

f. Micah Tilley ECP rep

- Goal is to get to know everyone from ECP and to do better job of representing everyone
- Main goal to be a voice for everyone in department and bringing your concerns or suggestions to her

g. Sara Abdallah, KP rep: absent

h. Akenhnhahse White, MATL rep: absent

i. Damyan Edwards, PGSS Councillor

- Going to PGSS meetings to relay info about events and activities, and to bring up info to PGSS
- Loredana Marchica, secretary

5. Open Positions, introduction of new candidates (10)

Applications: 1<sup>st</sup> call

- Paul Gomes: School/Applied Child Psychology in Steve Shaw's lab implementation and evaluation, going for PGSS councillor
- Yaxi: MA1 Human Development, International student, going for PGSS councillor, and help others with events
- Christina: MA1 counselling internship concentration, going for PGSS councillor, opportunity to get involved
- Elif: MA2 School/Applied Child Psychology, going for VP equity and diversity, hope to help with social events to make sure inclusive of all diversity, and create events to celebrate diversity to recognize diversity on campus
- France: DISE, going for Co VP student life, from NB, include part-time students to events

2<sup>nd</sup> call for positions still available will happen soon if interested go to EGSS website for by-election form

6. Review of 2014-2015 (10)

- 2014-2015 hold put on use of coach house because no wheelchair access

Emily Stubbart: confirmed that people were there on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> to test for elevator access to be put in

- Amount for travel award was changed from \$250 to \$500

→ Change to constitution: after 30 days money reallocated to another person

- DISE students were not involved in appointment of chair. Ashley made Dean aware and asked that student voice be included in any hiring committees or meetings to express their opinion. This poses a conflict with University regulations. If EGSS wanted to pursue, would have to go through steps to go to senate. Last year's decision was to come up with agreement from Dean to department Chairs and Faculty to include students with all hiring measures (copy of memo currently on website).

Paul Gomes: asked if actions would still be made to pursue further.

Chloe Garcia, VP Communications: Explained process of doing so if EGSS members wanted this

- EGSS conference (2014): great conference that was well-received, Dean will continue to sponsor towards conference
- Events were put on by previous VP student life and will continue to promote EGSS through events
- EGSS response to austerity measure: at spring GA started conversation and put up a survey for students to access and discuss thoughts.
  - i. Survey findings reveal that EGSS constituents agreed with PGSS stance and with statement, but felt no need to discuss issue of striking (can view motion/results on website) at a separate GA.

## 7. Finances (20)

### a. Financial report (10)

- Domenico Tullo, President recapped the 2014-2015 budget and revenues

- 2015-2016 prospective budget: discussed at August 2015 EGSS meeting

a. speaker series: budget includes awards to travel to conference (9.8%)

b. conference: similar to last year (24.6%)

c. Student life: budget increase to have inclusive events for all departments, as long as follow EGSS regulations (22%)

d. Travel Awards: (19.7%)

e. Fellowship: (19.7%)

f. Secretary: (3.9%)

g. Miscellanea:

- Revenue opportunities

President discussed possible/expected revenue opportunities

- Devin wanted explanation for expected budget higher than expected revenue from students

- Domenico Tullo, President explained that there was currently a significant portion in reserves

- Chloe Garcia, VP communication: bring to floor how to spend reserves (believes that should be spent as it is student's money)

- Devin: discussing how EGSS ended up with reserves (accounts from PGSS and BMO) → suggested that while keeping a buffer need to also spend reserves (creating a 5 year plan)

### **Motion to approve budget as currently sits**

**Be it resolved that the proposed budget allocation for the 2015-2016 academic year was approved.**

Approval of budget: Emily Stubbert, Micah Tilley seconded

### **Motion passes**

All in favor, none opposed

Possible ways to use surplus (Discussion):

- 1) Increase solidarity fund (number and amount): to benefit significant portion of EGSS membership
  - Using PGSS model for funding
- 2) Consider award for students who have no funding to fund their research
- 3) Mobility Awards: to do your research in another country

Motion made to make plans for reserves at future meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed

- 1 apposed

Additional motion made for plans for reserves to occur during EGSS meetings with condition that cannot use more than 20% of reserves → 2<sup>nd</sup>ed

- All in favor

**BIRT following discussions at the general assembly, EGSS council can plan for upcoming allocation of reserves with condition that cannot deplete more than 20% of reserves.**

b. Discussion period (10)

- Fridge in student lounge not working → new fridge? Repairs?

- Was suggested to work with members from DISE and ECP to help contribute to fridge as they often use it

8. EGSS Conference Update by co-conference chairs Vanessa and Megha

Positions available for sub-committees: applications online

- 1) Media and Tech Rep (1 applications already)
- 2) Internal sub-committee rep
- 3) External sub-committee rep
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Communications rep (1 application already): Hella
- 6) Two general student reps from each department to assist with other tasks

Conference October goals: get committee together and theme, date, place, potential keynote speakers, and sponsorships

9. Emily Stubbert, VP Student life

- Discussed survey and events

- Event survey results (128 people responded): free coffee, bagels etc. most popular, and suggestions made by people included board games, sporting events, volunteer, art/music/dance related events, BBQ-food

- Events offered when: bigger monthly vs. smaller regular about equal results, thursday/friday evenings for bigger events
- Melissa Sculnick winner of 20\$ GC to bookstore from survey
- Social events: email suggested as best option to advertise → put free in subject heading
- monthly / bi-monthly calendar to have people know of events more in advance

#### 10. New Logo (10)

- Motion to change logo made by Damyan, MMB and Elif seconded

**BIRT that the EGSS logo will undergo changes that will be presented to constituents before final implementation.**

Motion passed

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- Specific suggestions:

- 1) Logo contest to generate ideas
- 2) Damyan would draw logo based on these ideas

#### 11. AOB

- Devin Mills introduced : PGSS and sits on senate at McGill; problems with department can go to him for guidance and contacts, support → [academic.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:academic.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca)

Motion to adjourn, 2nded by Janet

**Adjournment: 5:30pm**