



EGSS Council Meeting Agenda

January 22, 2014

EDUC 233 – 13:30-16:00

Present: Sylvie Wald, Marcia Malcom, Rosalind Hampton , Jason Lister, Chris Turbull, Stephen Peters, Sarah Mostafa-Kamel , Marianne Chevrier, Jessica Hebert, Chloe Garcia, Arzina Zaver

Regrets: Amy Kim, Jocelyn Hartle

Absent: Ying Syuan Huang

Meeting began at 1:35

Chair: Stephen Peters

1. Approval of the agenda for meeting January 22, 2014 (5')

Approved with amendment

2. Approval of the minutes meeting November 29, 2013 (5')

Minutes to be revised and sent out. Approval for next meeting

3. Business arising from minutes (30')

b.) Update on Teach For Canada -Jason (VP Academic) and Rosalind (VP Equity and Diversity)- (10')

More research done to understand the program. Suggestion to start an awareness campaign, generate conversations. Critiques are online (Solidarity Halifax) that can inform the conversations. EGSS opening up conversation around First nation education. Suggestion to have a Council presentation at EGSS conference regarding this

Next steps in awareness campaign: 1. Share information on website 2. Follow up with EGSS Conference Chair if Council can present for EGSS conference (Marcia- PGSS Rep will bring this up at next EGSS Conference meeting)

Look into building archive of material on our website/ Facebook page needs changing (Communications Officer)

c.) Update on Motion: re Accessibility to Coach House -Jay (VP Academic)- (10')

Moving forward on this. May take up to two years. University Accessibility Group is looking into this alongside other projects. Funding put aside for railing lift to be installed.

Next steps:- follow up with progress in September; prioritize accessibility- call on Faculty to take a similar position. Can take a position on EGSS to not use the space. Motions below

Share this information on our website. **Jason (VP Academic) to write a blurb for the website.**

Motion 1: Be it resolved that EGSS will not use the Coach House Space for activities until it has been made accessible for differently abled people. **Passes**

Motion 2: Be it resolved that EGSS calls for no other improvements to be made to the Faculty of Education infrastructure until the Coach House has been accessible for differently abled people. **Passes**

Motion 3: Be it resolved that the EGSS VP academic will contact Associate Dean of Infrastructure Alain Breulux to ask for a timeline for the accessibility improvements to the Coach House. **Passes**

Next council meeting: bring a possible timeline motion

d.) Update on Interim Director of FNIE -Rosalind (VP Equity and Diversity)- (10')

Rosalind had a few conversations with students and alumni who provided feedback. Feedback showed concern over hiring, taking advantage of outreach links. Had conversation with Professor Bronwen Low. head of Diversity and Equity committee on hiring policy

Moving forward: Rosalind (VP Equity and Diversity) to speak to students representing DISE student body on Diversity and Equity committee; ask for the policy

c.) Deans Meeting

Invite Dean to February Meeting (Communications Officer) Next meeting tentatively Feb 19 at 1:30. Ask Dean to come for 30 min.

Secretary to send doodle to confirm next meeting.

4. Departmental Reps Update -Marianne (ECP Rep) and all- (15')

Standing agenda item in meetings: Reports from Department Reps; reports from other councillors. Prepare report in advance and submit to Secretary

Update from Marianne - SSHRC'S being evaluated; balanced distribution for SSHRC'S and NSERC? Some departments need more slots for NSERC, can we swap. How is this decided?

This should be handled at Department Graduate Program Committee

Next step: Marianne (ECP rep) to find out if there is a Graduate Program Committee; find out within Department origins of the policy. Be in contact with Jason (VP Academic) for follow up.

5. PGSS: Meeting Update and Vacant Positions- Chris Turnbull (PGSS Councillor) (10')

Met on January 15th. Reallocation of council positions- have two more positions. Start recruiting for these positions.

Chloe (Communications Officer) to add positions to newsletter

Business arising: Everyone familiarize themselves on SOS McGill- Discussion on restructuring of Arts and Education at next Council Meeting; (Jason- VP Academic). Invite someone from Administration to next meeting (Communications Officer).

6. EGSS Conference Budget- Sylvie Wald (VP Finance) on behalf of Amy Kim (Conference Chair) - (10')

Follow up on whether EGSS conference can have separate bank account.

Stipulation: 2 signing officers (VP Finance and President)

7. Introduction of President Applicant and Newly Appointed Union Representative:- Sara Hashem and Ashley DeMartini- (10')

8. AOB (5')

- Two Meetings VP Academic cannot attend:

Academic Policy Meeting Feb 12, 9:30 am EDEC 233

Steering Committee For Faculty Council Thurs Feb 13, 9:30 am, Room 222 : setting a mandate for steering committee

- Crafternoon Update: 10 people, went well. Next event: Swap Event tentatively on Feb 10. Looking for venue ideas

Meeting Adjournment: 4:15pm