



EGSS Council Meeting Agenda

October 20th, 2015 @10:42AM

Room: Currie Gym rm 152

Attendance: Chloe Garcia (CG), Emily Stubbert (ES), Sara Abdallah (SA), Loredana Marchica (LM), Vanessa Weva (VW), Yaxi Zhao (YZ), Micah Tilley (MT), France Courtemanche (FC), Domenico Tullo (DT), Damyan Edwards (DE), Elif Direkoglu (ED)

Regrets: Paul Gomes (PG)

Late attendance: Marie-Michelle Boulanger (MMB), Christine Spinelli (CS)

Early departures: Damyan Edwards (DE)

1. Approval of the meeting minutes from Fall 2015 GA meeting (2')
 - a. Approved by Chloe , seconded by Micah
2. Approval of the agenda for October 20th, 2015 meeting (2')
 - a. Approved Emily, seconded by Chloe
3. Welcome to the new members (2') - DT
4. MATL by-election vote (5')-DT
 - a. 3 day voting period for MATL to vote for their own rep of winter semester
 - b. all approved --> passed
5. EGSS Logo (5')- DE
 - a. DT suggested we pick three logo options and have students vote on it
 - b. motion to keep last logo DE worked on but send out to constituents to vote on individual symbols

Action item: SA to send bicycle logo of KPE to DE
6. Dean's Meeting (10')-DT
 - a. Conference Funding- dean has agreed to sponsor must send official letter
 - b. Policy for long-term funding -

Action item: to create 3 yr policy
7. Fundraising activities and future plans (10')- DT
 - a. DT- raising funds through christmas party, \$5 forced donation to EGSS

- b. MT- Silent auction idea (FC: art, MT: get businesses to donate things)
- c. DT- auction to read proposals
- d. CG- consider if profs could show support, include them at parties
- e. Bake sale: when gets colder?

→ tabled until VP socials discuss their planned events

8. New initiative for all departments in Education (10') - MT

- a. MT- Blog/facebook
- b. Facebook group: motivators of tomorrow to see where MT got idea
- c. take pictures of students in settings and ask what they would do with their degree/ good way to promote students
- d. DT- idea to put this idea on faculty websites
- e. opened to other options
 - i. CG suggested to ingrain on EGSS website
- f. DT- at Deans meeting was suggested to work with Stephen Lalla, so we choose top 4-5 and send to him to put up on faculty website
- g. also with group of 900 something can be overwhelming
- h. give criteria of types of photos needed and give possibility to have photos taken
- i. CG/SA: sub group of project "in the field" → themes
- j. SA: reps will get together work on themes/ideas
- k. CG: artists in residence paid to do projects (ex. maria ezcurra), can possibly help with photography aspect

Action item: will contact artists in residence to see how can cooperate with ideas, and reps will brainstorm different options

Action item: give CG updates before she sends out newsletter

9. Update from departmental meetings (15')

DT- wants to have this as monthly update at meetings from reps

- a. ECP rep (MT):

- T.A updates will have different positions (in winter 2016 either T.A (\$26) where will have to teach or grader (\$18/hr) but will not limit on hrs for graders)
- CG: this issue has already been done in DISE
- CG suggested issue to be tabled and perhaps brought up later
- b. KPE rep (SA):
 - Open house on monday to promote graduate program, students will be in their lab on Sundays
 - KPE association getting 50% of student fees → what was decided was when want to do KPE events then ask VP Social to get money, keep receipts
 - Dept faculty usually match money raised, so proposed to also have letter written if they do
 - Feb. grad student seminar Full day of presenting research for undergrads to know what's going on
 - Speaker series theme idea: interventions in health and education suggested for towards end of year

c. DISE (CG):

- no new events
- speaker series for funding was brought up at departmental meeting

10. Upcoming Events/ Events Calendar for Fall 2015 (10')- ES/FC

- Creating a calendar format for events
- Coffee day in lobby for exposure and then can move up to lounge, done each week (every day a different time slot/day dependent on dept, (3 weeks in a row for each dept. and then break, and redo)
- Halloween event: twitter/instagram halloween costume contest with hashtag and draw for GC/prizes
 - ideas for movie → please send to ES
 - Carrie, Cabin in the woods

- BYOP: bring your own pumpkin for carving before movie
- Remembrance day: possibility of getting poppies on campus (cadets there)
- End of semester event: first part of evening have musicians from our dept play music, end of night DJ/ perhaps start off in EDUC room and then move to Thompson but ES will talk to Thompson to see if can do all at Thompson → cover fee for party would help as a fundraiser for EGSS
 - theme: ugly sweater party
 - either 27 Nov.** or Dec. 4
- **Action item:** share calendar with ES and FC
- **Action item:** send info to CG for newsletter (picture that gets the most likes will get an award for each twitter and instagram)
- **Action Item:** Halloween movie night--> book a classroom with projector (624 or 216)

11. Speaker Series

- a. PhD student in Ingrid's lab won
- b. Masters student in DISE won
- c. 4 series (Nov. / two after holidays/ one in summer)
- d. MT- send out invite for students to give ideas for themes and get draw for \$10 GC

12. Website ideas (5') - DT

- a. CG: Trouble with listserv (people can respond to listserv) but will be solved ASAP
- b. CG: waiting for logo to really fix websites, interested in hearing ideas of what should be emphasized on first page
- c. MT- more pictures: maybe from new initiative
- d. FC: Winning pictures from twitter/instagram contest
- e. MT- more effort to take pictures from events

13. Travel awards and fellowship procedures (10')- DT

- a. how we want to disseminate awards, and what to call them
- b. Adjustment to next travel awards in Feb.
- c. 3 travel awards (Oct/ Feb/ June): for conferences you expect to present at → done by draw (FT student, with complete form, supervisor signs off and that funds go towards research within education)
- d. Renaming awards
- e. travel awards: people want it to be merit based
- f. MMB suggested to create rubric for decisions, but maybe a rubric to go backwards to meet criteria and then draw
 - 1. awards : external/ internal
 - 2. intl. students/ out of province
 - 3. year in program (MA vs. PhD student)
- g. CG: suggests that EGSS is more about fairness and brought up timeline difficulties/rush
- h. CG: make an exception for period of when accepted to conference
- i. MMB: maybe be more conscience of the bigger conferences, to change application deadlines, adjust how give out awards around bigger conferences to make it more manageable for conferences
- j. DT: maybe bringing back mobility award to help with this → suggested table maybe for spring GA
- k. MMB: weird cushion of leftover money from awards can go towards and “advancement of studies award”
- l. CG: bring up to faculties and deans meetings that money is needed for extra students,
- m. MMB: make a survey to show that students do really need/ want these extra awards
- n. Making awards more inclusive to students who aren’t doing research (making it more clear) → calling it “professional development award”

- o. Surplus was going towards solidarity funds (initiatives that would benefit community) MMB: worth it to find out who would be interested in applying to professional development vs. solidarity
- p. DT: maybe rework what we know we have it can ensure that in long run students will be covered, solidarity are more extra short term plans which were designed when have extra money
- q. CG: explaining how solidarity award can be towards community which promotes visibility and community vs. individual which is immediate and individualized
- r. Change travel award to “professional development” (all in one with mobility award)
- s. Change system in that writing how it relates to your professional development and then when get money have to send out how it did help you and what you learned
- t. Supervisor can sign off/ someone in department to sign off that its good

→ tabled for next meeting: work for changing form and procedure for “professional development award” open to students who need for professional development

CG suggested that for next meeting--> List what want money for and then can categorize and put together with budget

14.AOB (5')

- a. Kettle is broken: can buy at Walmart or Canadian tire (buy two because both are broken)
- b. Conference theme
- c. Motion to adjourn DT seconded by ES @ 12:30pm

Action Point: VW will buy the kettles