

**General Assembly Winter 2016**  
**Coach House 200**  
**April 15, 2016 5pm**  
**Agenda**

Chair: President Domenico Tullo

1. Welcome Message (2')
2. Review of the Agenda (2')
3. Approval of the Agenda (10')
  - ES, MMB
4. Year overview (5')
  - Partnerships: ABC of PhDs,
  - HD conference, solidarity funds,
  - Awards: structure change implemented this year
  - Rebranding EGSS logo, increasing community spirit,
5. Conference Chair Report
  - MN conference chair report: theme relevant to all 3 depts.; saw an increase in participation by DISE and KPE; saw an increase in faculty involvement; saw an increase in other university attendance and awareness of conference (ex. OISE, Concordia, awareness in western universities)
  - Registration: 150; workshops had good pre-registration and turnout
  - Next year: try to contact McGill OSR for funding; try to get more faculty involvement

## 6. Speaker Series Report

- was a new initiative during the 2015-2016 school year: worked as extension to travel award; aim was for students to share knowledge to their own student body of what they intended to present abroad
- Now that have established attendance try to get sponsorship for next year → can use a similar sponsorship setup as the conference
- CG suggestion: maybe go through alumni center to get individuals already in the field to come speak (i.e., not just professors)
- Dorrell suggestion: to have a central theme for whole year that goes along with conference
- \$1000 spent for both events

## 7. Report from VP Academic (10')

- Funding structure changed to get more money to more students in more equitable way
- Funding budget continues to grow over the years;
- Travel award became the GSEA so that those who are not in research can also apply (\$1500 funding was allocated to students).
- Random draw change to account for previous awards, individuals from outside Montreal → done in rounds, so that those in need had highest chance of getting awards
- Suggestion of what to do with leftover funds: perhaps have an additional one off award that may not happen every year

- Fellowship award deadlines: May 15 → need to advertise; name change of needs based awards (to be discussed at next council meeting).

8. Report from VP Communications (5')

- Newsletter turned into an e-mail because communication with students went down

- Suggestion for next year: try to increase communication with students; and aim to bring back Newsletter

- MMB question: wondering if it's a lack of representation?

9. Report from VP Socials (5')

- 3 main events were organized during the 2015-2016 school year: 1) welcome party/GA; 2) Ugly sweater party (most successful); 3) 007 end of year party/GA

- Goals for the year: trying to get all different departments involvement (ex. coffee breaks at different times and locations were done); Trivia night had high attendance from different programs

10. Report from VP Equity Diversity (5')

- PPT statement from Elif Wonders

- E-mail [elif.wonders@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:elif.wonders@mail.mcgill.ca) with any questions

11. ECP Representative Report (5')

- Went to departmental meetings as liaison between EGSS and ECP faculty

- Increased faculty involvement in different initiatives (try to boost even more next year)

- New initiative idea for next year: to talk to different students in different departments; to promote and represent McGill on website → proposed to Dean and was well-received

12. KPE Representative Report (5')

- KPE has their own council to work on different events presented

- Ex. of events they organized within program: Holiday parties; What is Grad School?; Writing time; Headshots

- Future events planned: CV building; LinkedIn profile; how to get funding → by grad students for grad students

CG suggestion: go to skillsets to get funding for different workshops like the “how to get funding”

13. DISE Representative Report (5')

- Please **promote** for having a DISE rep for next year

- CG reported from departmental meetings: Financing and access to funding switch for MATL

- Restructuring courses for MATL

14. MATL Representative Report (5')

CG: **BE it resolved that the MATL representative shall be present at DISE meetings** → Passed unanimously

15. PGSS Councillors (5')

- Anything that comes up at PGSS meetings that goes with/against EGSS gets voted on

- Organize a volleyball tournament event for next year between all faculties

#### 16. Finances (30')

- PGSS doesn't send you # of students have until mid-semester, so may be difficult to plan budget (ex. only got winter check in early April).
- PGSS student life fund: \$18,532.00 for year
- Breakdown by dept given (fall/winter-averages) (KPE: 544/636; ECP: 3000/3500; DISE: 5500/4999)
- Revenue for the year: \$7,334.00
- Adjusted Budget: \$18,532.00
- Expenses: EGSS conference only spent \$500 out of budget; only spent approx. \$7,456.01
- approx.: between 20,000-25,000 in reserves
  - What should we do with money?
  - Suggestions included to improve study spaces; improve lounges; add more desks in study space room

**DT: Be it resolved the excess funds from the yearly budget, will be allocated to increase the number of fellowship awards → passed unanimously**

- trying to spend up to %20 of reserves for solidarity funds → haven't reached

**Approval of 2015-2016 budget (spending and revenue): passed unanimously**

#### 17. Ideas for next year's council (20')

#### 18. Introducing new EGSS Candidates (10')

- Dorelle Hinton: VP Academic

- Shalini Sivathasan: Conference Chair
- Annamaria Otto: KPE rep
- Gwennaelle Philibert: ECP rep
- Mark-Damyan Edwards: PGSS Councillor (also willing to be graphic designer for EGSS→ informal position)
- Paul Gomes: EGSS Councillor

Second call will be April 18<sup>th</sup>- April 22<sup>nd</sup> before 4pm

**\*\* Missing positions:** VP Comm; VP Finance, VP Equity & Diversity; President; PGSS Councillor; AGSEM rep

Motion to adjourn: MMB, CG.

