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HGSC Meeting Notes – October 23, 2018 (meeting #2)

Present: Chris Marsh, Steven Langlois, Tyla Betke, Emily Kaliel, Marie-Eve Presber, McKelvey Kelly, Kiera Mitchell, Derek Cameron, John Bird, Andrea Ens

1. Faculty Meeting report and proposed business from Emily

One Event Coordinator is not present for this portion of the meeting due to conflict of interest.

- Emily was unable to attend the last faculty meeting because there was no regular business. But Emily has been introduced to the faculty as Faculty Liaison.
- Emily addresses the Debrou Lecture. She says she would like to approach Valerie Korinek about giving the lecture. Chris says that he thinks that Valerie probably has new information to present and agrees this is a good idea. Emily says the date that was agreed on for the Debrou Lecture was March 7th.
- The Faculty Liaison brings up anonymous complaints from some Indigenous graduate students that were brought to her about the IGSC (Indigenous Graduate Student Committee). They are wanting the HGSC to honour their statement in support the creation of the ISU (Indigenous Student Union) and have concerns about self-identification and non-participation with regards to the IGSC Co-Chair, who also serves as an Event Coordinator on the HGSC. The President clarifies that these students want to have a sit-down meeting with the HGSC to discuss this. The Faculty Liaison says that this is true. She says that they want the HGSC to take the initiative in arranging this meeting. The students would like HGSC to reach out to the indigenous undergraduate Students Council (ISC). One of the GSA Reps who is involved in the movement for an ISU as well as the IGSC says we should support/hear out the HGSC member who is being criticized and that non-participation is a complex issue that needs clarification and that this was what the IGSC is being criticized for discussing. The Communications Director poses a question about whether the ISC and IGSC co-made their statement on the ISU. The GSA Rep says that both groups produced separate though related statements last spring. The Communications Coordinator asks another question on whether the HGSC statement included support of non-participation. The President says no it did not, it is only a general statement on supporting the forming of an ISU. The President says the HGSC had misgivings about no practical plan for forming an ISU and so only created a general statement of support. The GSA Rep says that he believes that there is a political conflict/dialogue taking place among the indigenous student body and that this could be

related to specific students trying to remove the IGSC's current Co-Chair. His general understanding is that the IGSC wanted to clearly define non-participation in order to facilitate students whose work involves engagement that could be viewed as participation. The GSA Rep thinks that the students who approached the Faculty Liaison may want to leverage HGSC for political reasons. The Faculty Liaison says she has been approached by students because they want the HGSC to practice better allyship. The GSA Rep says that he believes this is an issue regarding different opinions towards non-participation amongst indigenous students. He proposes the HGSC could meet with these student groups to hear them out and ask how the HGSC can be a better ally. He also asks if the ISC has asked for the HGSC to remove the Event Coordinator from our committee. The Faculty Liaison says that nobody has asked that, but they are asking the HGSC to honour their statement of support for the ISU through action by meeting with the ISC. The President suggests that the GSA Rep and himself should meet with the ISC. The Communication Coordinator asks about whether the contents of the HGSC statement necessarily collectively represented the opinions of everyone on the committee. It is agreed that it did, but such statements do not necessarily need to reflect the views of individual members, but rather the consensus views of the HGSC as a whole. The GSA Rep says it is hard to know what the ISC wants from the HGSC without meeting with them. The Faculty Liaison says it is partially falling on the HGSC to follow up the statement with action. The Faculty Liaison asks if the HGSC agrees to meeting with the ISC. This is agreed upon.

Event Coordinator returns to the meeting at this point.

2. Proposed Business from Tyla

Tyla proposes that the HGSC should have an option on the website to for prospective students to contact current grad students with questions about the programme. She says she could vet these emails and put people in contact with current students in relevant subject areas. Chris says this is a good idea. He asks if it's difficult to do. Tyla says she thinks this isn't a lot of work. Steven says committee members can always divvy up this work if it becomes a lot of work. Tyla asks if the contact person for this new email should be her. Chris agrees.

3. Constitutional Changes

- Marie-Eve states most of the changes to the constitution are to the format. She wants to clarify the terminology of "good financial standing" as being about a funding package. Chris says it is about outstanding tuition.
- She has changed the requirements of Vice-President from being exclusively a first-year MA student to anyone. Language is changed of "webmaster" on 9.3.b of duties of Secretary-Treasurer. Title of Communications Officer will be changed to Communications Officer and Social Media Coordinator.

- Marie-Eve is wondering about the term “Hnet”. The committee decides to remove all of 9.4.b as being irrelevant. Under 9.4.d, “(includes Facebook and Twitter)” is struck. 9.4.e is removed. Marie-Eve has added 9.5.e point. McKelvey agrees this is a good guiding point for the role. The list of possible events on 9.5.f has been omitted. 9.5.g has been omitted by Marie-Eve as being redundant. Committee agrees.
- Tyla wonders about a conversation she had with Erika regarding holding joint workshops with the department and which position should be contacted about this proposition. Andrea says she believes that’s her position’s role. Committee agrees.
- Marie-Eve proposes “academic events” should be taken out of the position duties of the Event Coordinators and moved to Graduate Student Workshop Coordinator. Duties of Faculty Liaison have been summarized under 9.6.e. Graduate Student Workshop Coordinator title replaces the prior title of PhD Workshop Coordinator. 9.8.a is an added point. Under 10.2.b, “webmaster” and “general membership” are removed. Under 10.2.c, “otherwise specified” is removed.
- Under Section 13, Marie-Eve asks what should be done with this section. Tyla says 13.3 can be added to the Comm Officer duties. She also suggests adding responding to emails from prospective graduate students to the Comm Officer duties. Marie-Eve will also add 13.6 to the Comm Officer duties. Tyla asks if she needs to be posting meeting times and minutes to our social media. John suggests Tyla puts out announcements about the HGSC to people who are interested instead. Committee agrees. Marie-Eve will take out all of Section 13. She will keep 13.3, 13.4, 13.6 which will be added to Comm Officer duties. Marie-Eve moves to vote on the Constitutional Changes. Chris seconds. Unanimous Committee vote yes.

4. GFAC business – Marie-Eve

- Marie-Eve asks the committee to look at the Clio Award form and then she will send it out on Nov 1st if approved.
- John speaks about the plaque that he is working on for the Clio Award. Tyla asks where this will go. John says he’s hoping it can go somewhere in the History Department floor. Marie-Eve suggests that perhaps Emily can bring this up at the next faculty meeting.
- Marie-Eve states that the Clio Award will be presented at the Book Pub.
- On the application form for the Clio Award, Marie-Eve includes a stipulation of 2-5 nominators.
- Tyla brings up whether the title needs to have a clarifier added to the end. Marie-Eve changes the title to: HGSC Clio Award for Outstanding Graduate Supervisor. Tyla suggests that there should be set criteria for marking the letters. Marie-Eve will add a section on criteria on the form. Tyla clarifies that the subcommittee will meet on the criteria. Marie-Eve assents. After the criteria is determined, it will be sent to the rest of the committee to be agreed upon.

5. Halloween Party update and discussion

- Steven says he has purchased alcohol for the Halloween Party.
- Tyla has made a game of trivia for the Halloween party. Marie-Eve clarifies that it will start at 4PM. 5PM will be the mummy game. 6PM will be when trivia is. Tyla suggests that teams should mark each other's sheets to be as efficient as possible.
- Chris clarifies about whether there is a set budget for this event. Marie-Eve says there is a set budget. Tyla asks if she is on the budget for kid's activities. Marie-Eve asks if she knows what she needs for kid's activities. Tyla says she would like \$25 for a Halloween-themed craft and some money for Halloween sprinkles and icing. Marie-Eve offers \$50.
- Marie-Eve states she expects to stick to the budget. She says the HGSC can go to the GSA for sponsorship if extra funding is needed. McKelvey suggests asking for the maximum \$500 if possible. Chris asks if there's paperwork to do and says he can do it. Marie-Eve says the HGSC can indicate wanting funding for both the Halloween Party and the Book Pub.
- Steven asks if the HGSC wants people to dress up for the Halloween Party because there's nothing on the poster. Chris states that something regarding this should be added to the poster if so.

6. Christmas Party discussion

Steven has offered to host the Christmas Party again. Chris advises to set a day ASAP. Steven asks if it should be before finals. Chris suggests within the first 10 days of December.

7. GSA Meeting report – McKelvey and John

- John speaks to the GSA Meeting he attended. There is a new chair elected. Many new clubs have been ratified including a solar energy club. The GSA would like a graduate student rep at the Board of Governors. They would like to make the Student-Supervisor Relationship Agreement mandatory for all graduate students. Chris states that he found the agreement very geared towards STEM departments. Tyla agrees but says some of the sections on expectations were useful.
- McKelvey went to another GSA Meeting that was primarily orientation focused. The GSA also discussed the Student-Supervisor Relationship Agreement at this meeting. They are asking for feedback from students on this agreement. GSA discussed their term bursaries. They have had roughly 400 applicants for 20 bursaries. The GSA is holding a horror movie event on October 26th at 5PM. Also, the GSA is offering a first aid course with student discounts: Nov 15th - \$80 re-certification, Nov 16th & 17th - \$100 new certification. Marie-Eve had given the Indigenous Liaison Report at the GSA meeting. There was a conversation at the GSA meeting about ratifying student groups. They chose not to ratify the one Christian group Believers Love World Constitution due to there being too many similar Christian groups.

8. New HGSC logo discussion

Proposed fee for the HGSC loco re-design is \$125. Tyla suggests getting a circle logo due for ease of use on social media. Chris suggests the committee should have a deeper discussion of the logo design. He proposes voting on the cost and then discussing the design at the next meeting. John suggests the HGSC could compare the quoted cost to the logos for the Collaboratorium. Tyla says that she has already looked around at cost and believes the quote is reasonable. Steven says this will be a way to support to another graduate student. Chris proposes the HGSC continues this discussion at the next meeting.

No other business. Meeting is adjourned.