

GSU MINUTES: WEDNESDAY, 8th. FEBRUARY

Facilitator: Tom

In Attendance: Emily, Tad, Tom, Sarah, Graham, Christian, Eve, Alan

The minutes for the meeting of February 1st. were accepted, and attention was directed to old business:

Social Committee: (Sarah) The first Graduate Student night at Murray-Dodge

is next week. (There will be two performances -- we have enough performers

for about half a semester, but will need to recruit more.) Refreshment is limited to herbal tea and cookies. (We need volunteers to bake cookies, and also to clean up afterwards.) Advertising posters should appear soon. Those who attend will be (subtly?) encouraged to make donations. We are still waiting on the buttons (which are coming from Texas).

Student Health Advisory Board (SHAB): (Emily) SHAB wants Graduate Student input. (There is pressure both from the Undergraduate members and from Dean Montero.) Two more graduate members, to meet once a week (possibly on

Thursdays at noon). The main problem (at the moment) is the discussion of the prioritisation of the Health Services' budget. (The CPUC Priorities Committee wants a "potential" 5-10% reduction. Emily has details about threatened cuts. (There will be a White paper produced.)) (SHAB has 6-12 active members, and is co-ordinated by Karen Gordon (?). It has various projects going, including the production of a co-ordinating booklet for health-related PU services.)

Treasurer's Report: (Sarah) The records are now in Tama's hands. (There seems to be some problem in balancing our expenditure with that recorded by the Administration. [We've spent more than they think we have.]

Teaching Committee: (Eve) Around 30-35 people showed up to the first Teaching seminar. The meeting was perhaps too long and overly theoretical -- but it was nonetheless a big success. Beth Nicholl gave an interesting talk on teaching in the sciences. Dean Redman showed up (better late than never -- he missed a lot of the discussion). There may be a problem with the hour, but the meetings will continue to be at lunchtime.

Teaching Survey: (Tom) The statistics are now available. 181 surveys were returned (45%). Lots of interesting facts were revealed. (Anyone interested should ask Tom about the coarse and specific comments.)

CLSS: (Tom) Can we use Murray-Dodge as an alternative to the Rotunda during term breaks? (Floyd Tompkins has the answers.) GSU will look into this.

Constitution:(Alan) The penultimate draft is available. (And so is a projected budget. Nearly.) The main problem is refunds -- probably, there will not be a provision for them.

Ratification: (Alan) We have "Cliff Notes". Discussion was postponed until next week, owing to significant absentees.

CPUC Executive Committee Meeting: (Alan) The Constitution is to be presented to the CPUC General Assembly next week (by Alan). The GSU is to get a copy of Shapiro's Budget Review.

"Don't Harsh My Buzz ... [Just Spark My Node]": (Alan) There is a letter which Alan wrote to Dean Montero on this matter (!).

Miscellaneous Items: (Various)

1. Gaetano has been conscripted onto a University Committee investigating childcare.
2. Jean Cho has copies of newsletters from U. of Toronto's GSU.
3. Macy's is selling Galaxy State University teeshirts.
4. Attendance at Steering Committee Meetings is worryingly low. We need to get old and new faces to show up.

The facilitator for next week is Christian.

(And then we all woke up and went home.) THE END.

Graham Oppy