

Meeting Minutes – 20/9/16

AGSA Meeting - September 20, 2016 - ANSO room 208

Attendance: Heather Robertson (left within 30 mins), Michelle Hak Hepburn, Natasha Osing, Allison, Adler, Fraser GermAnn, Steffan Gordon, Jasmine Sacheruk, Hannah Quinn (quick stop by), Erin Hanson, Maia Wiklek

Chair: Michelle Hak Hepburn

Secretary: Natasha Osing

Meeting came to order – 11:55am

1. Reading of last meeting's minutes

MOTION: *to be read at October 18th meeting*

PROPOSED BY: Michelle; **SECONDED BY:** Natasha; all in favour = **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Introductions:

- a. Co-Presidents – Heather Robertson and Michelle Hak Hepburn
- b. Secretary – Natasha Osing
- c. Social Coordinator (Term 1) – Fraser GermAnn
- d. General introductions

3. Assigning representatives:

- a. **CUPE rep (union representative)** – Hannah Quinn
- b. **GSS (Graduate Student Society) rep** – Maia Wiklek
 - i. Attend meetings and power to vote in GSS
- c. **Dept. rep** – Michelle Hak Hepburn
- d. **LOA rep** – Heather Robertson
- e. **Social Coordinator (Term 2)** – Hillary Agro
- f. **Treasurer** – Steffan Gordon
- g. **AGSA Talks Coordinator** – ??
 - i. AGSA hosts Grad student talks monthly. The aim is to have it on different days than the colloquia. For days with no colloquia there will be an AGSA talk
 - ii. Role: get in touch with presenters and promoting the talks
 - iii. Idea for Semester 2 currently being organized by Ewen and Danielle: Ethnographic film night: replace AGSA talks for next
 - iv. **ACTION ITEM:** to ask Danielle if she can be a AGSA talks coordinator (Michelle)
- h. **AGSC rep** – Allison Adler

MOTION: *to accept these representatives,*

PROPOSED BY: Michelle; **SECONDED BY:** Heather; all in favour = **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Report on summer survey:

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- a. Sent out survey during the summer to draw attention to faculty and grad students that we have events and to attend
 - b. The point of the survey was to see what kind of things people would be interested in and feedback from people who do not normally attend
 - c. People responded: everyone agreed Thursdays for pub night
 - d. Feedback: Thursday during the day is good for events, general/talks – also need to keep things in mind for children/kid friendly
 - e. Feedback for program: Overall useful – one of AGSA's role is to advocate for Grad students so some of these comments will be written in a letter and sent to the department.
 - f. Summary of comments: most faculty will attend things when there's alcohol and grad students involved. However, need to keep in mind that we do not always create events around alcohol.
 - g. Feedback from professors: most faculty are pressured to attend things which is why they don't go. Need to take this into consideration when planning events.
5. Calendar sales report:
- a. Sold 26 calendars: a little over half, however not everyone has given money and missing money from 2 people.
 - b. \$5 shy of \$500 - \$600 is how much it costs to get printed. After that we should have approx. \$300 for social events if we sell all calendars.
 - c. Calendars are geared towards grad students. They give dates for AGSA meetings, deadlines, talks, events and conferences
 - d. Talk to Heather and/or Michelle to buy a calendar. Currently going for \$20 each.
6. AGSA Talks:
- a. Dates
 - i. First one is Oct. 13th 2016: anyone who applied to the AGSA travel funding needs to give a talk at least once
 - ii. Talks for this semester: Oct. 13th, Oct. 20th, Nov. 3rd, Nov. 10th = Need more speakers for these dates. If you would like to speak or recommend anyone speak to the AGSA Talks Coordinator.
 - iii. Term 1: Talks run between 3:30-4:30 and will be 20 mins each. They will be held downstairs at Room 134.
 - iv. Term 2: talks will run between 3:00-4:00, Room 134
7. Communications:
- a. Graduate student profiles: if want profile on website, fill out form and send to anth.agsa@ubc.ca - no deadline, but send as soon as possible
 - b. AGSA talks page: want these on our website so people can refer to the TBA spaces in order to sign up
 - c. Bridget is the communications and database assistant for Term 1, any changes to the website that needs to be done we need to speak to her

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- d. Website needs to be revamped: some things that can be added: pub night, meetings and meeting minutes. Hasn't been used for about a year, want to use this to get notices out and have a place people can access for information.
 - e. Discussed what may be better to get events out and communicate: blogs, Facebook or website
 - f. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - i. Find out who controls Facebook (Jasmine)
 - ii. Website changes (Jasmine)
8. Social events/fund raising ideas for the year:
- a. Raffle at Colloquia: buying raffle tickets and at the end of the talk, raffle off bottle of wine and book. Faculty has already expressed they like this idea. Faculty and other students can donate books for this raffle. The money will be put back into AGSA travel fund. Next colloquia book has been donated by: Charles Menzies
 - i. No talks yet for whether we may get money for travel so this raffle allows it to keep running
 - ii. **ACTION ITEM:** need to buy wine for raffles (Heather)
 - b. Biking adventure: brewery tour? Deep cove? Bike trip somewhere
 - c. Rock climbing
 - d. Group hiking
 - e. Fundraising:
 - i. Book sale: getting people to donate books and pick a day in the year to have a book sale (much like the Classics department)
9. Other announcements:
- a. TA Training: Sept 29, 3:30 – 5:00. Anyone who is a TA needs to attend. Email will be sent
 - b. Next meeting, we will hopefully have either Michael Blake or Bruce Miller join us to have a chance to meet everyone
10. Social Events:
- a. Pub night this Thursday: email will be sent out by Fraser
 - b. Pub night on the 29th: Suggested to stay on campus
 - c. Future events: Bowling night and game night
 - d. Suggestion: Halloween paper mache night to make own masks

11. Travel/Conference Awards:

MOTION: Suggestion for having one deadline for the year in May 2017. Can apply with any receipts from the previous year (May 2016). It will remain an electronic submission.

PROPOSED BY: Michelle; SECONDED BY: Fraser; all in favour = *MOTION CARRIED*

Summary of Action Items:

- 1. Ask Danielle if she can be a AGSA talks coordinator: Michelle
- 2. Give this rep list to department to be put onto the email list: Michelle

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3. Find out who controls Facebook: Jasmine
4. Website changes: Jasmine
5. Need to buy wine for Colloquia raffles: Heather

Meeting adjourned - 12:48pm

Next meeting: Oct. 18th @ 11:00, ANSO Room 208 (Grad Lounge)