Minutes HGSA Bi-Annual General Meeting
Procès-verbal de l’assemblée general AÉDH

Monday, October 2, 2006 at 4pm
lundi le 2 octobre 2006, 16 h
SIMARD 129

In attendance: Rob Englebert, Melanie Morin, Takuya Tazawa, Amy Larin, Adam Gough, John Ward, Rob Talbot, Steve Gooch, Jan Raska (Acting VP Internal), Marilyn Sweet (VP Finance), Triet Nguyen, Shawn Anctil, Tim Foran, Katie Rollwagen (President)

1. Approval of last meeting’s minutes

   - Because September’s meeting was quite informal, there were no minutes to approve
   - Tim moved that we disregard the approval of last meeting’s minutes; Rob seconded the motion

2. Old Business
   a. Orientation
      - Rob reported that orientation was a “resounding success”
      - He said he will submit a more formal report with recommendations for next year’s committee
      - He believes the momentum since orientation has dropped a bit; needs to be addressed
      - Asked for feedback or suggestions from others present; none given
   b. Finance Report
      - Marilyn tabled her year-end report
      - Rob asked about funding sources for colloquium, recommended that HGSA doesn’t guarantee funding unless person has applied to other funding sources (faculty, GSEAD)
      - Tim moved to give Marilyn a round of applause for her work; Rob seconded
      - Tim moved to accept Marilyn’s report; Rob seconded

3. New Business
   a. Executive Elections
      - Shawn Anctil nominated for VP External; Tim moved to accept nomination, Marilyn seconded, acclaimed unanimously
      - Rob nominated Takuya Tazawa for VP Finance; Tayuka declined
      - Shawn nominated Marilyn Sweet for VP Finance; Marilyn accepted; Rob moved to accept nomination, Tim seconded, acclaimed unanimously
      - Amy Larin nominated for Secretary-Archivist; Marilyn moved to accept nomination, Rob seconded, acclaimed unanimously
- Jan Raska nominated for VPInternal; Tim moved to accept nomination, Adam seconded, acclaimed unanimously

b. Designation of Representatives
- GSEAD – John Ward, Adam Gaugh alternate
- CUPE – Shawn Ancil
- Dept. Assembly – Rob Talbot (MA), Melanie Morin (PhD)
- Grad Studies Committee – Steve Gooch (MA), Melanie Morin (PhD)
- Library Committee – Takuya Tazawa
- CHA – Amy Larin (MA), Katie Rollwagen (PhD)

c. Constitutional amendment
- Katie tabled two amendments to the constitution, section three, articles four and five, concerning the approval of budget items
- Jan moved that we debate the amendments; Rob seconded
- Rob moved that we alter the amendment to add a requirement that people seeking HGSA money show proof that they have applied to other sources of funding first (such as Faculty, GSEAD)
- Marilyn believed this should be a separate article
- Tim wondered if this should be in the constitution or in a policy statement – might constrict administration if included in constitution, against purpose of constitution
- Katie assured Rob this issue will be dealt with at the next monthly meeting, put into a policy document
- Motion defeated; 0 in favour, 6 opposed, 7 abstentions
- Tim moved to approve the amendments as written; Amy seconded the motion; passed 10 in favour, 1 abstention

4. Adjournment
a. Rob moved to adjourn the meeting; Shawn seconded