

Procès-verbal de la réunion mensuel de l'AÉDH
Minutes of the HGSA Monthly Meeting

Jeudi le 5 octobre 2006
Thursday Octobre 5, 2006
Grad Loft

En attendance / In attendance : Rob Englebert, Melanie Morin, Takuya Tazawa, Amy Larin (Secretary-Archivist), Adam Gough, Rob Talbot, Olivia Faucher, Juraj Hocman, Steve Gooch, Jan Raska (VP Internal), Marilyn Sweet (VP Finance), Triet Nguyen, Shawn Anctil (VP External), Katie Rollwagen (President),

Affaires anciennes / Old Business:

1. Professor Davis's book for sale:

- We still need to figure out a way to sell these books; Dr. Davis is offering a 50/50 split with the HGSA
- Shawn will contact Prof. Davis and create a list of the books, which will be distributed to local booksellers and we'll see what prices we are offered
- Katie mentioned more books will be available in January, so we could, possibly, hold a book sale in January
- HSA will be holding a book sale/auction the week of Oct. 23, 2006
- Takua and Amy volunteered to help; Marilyn, Rob, and Shawn offered to help deliver the books.

2. Pub Night:

- Wrong night? Wrong place? Rob E. and Jan voiced concerns over the declining level of service at the Royal Oak
- 1848, an undergraduate pub, offers \$2.00 beer on Wednesdays, so we might try there (Katie noted it may be awkward for Teaching Assistants bumping into students)
- Katie and Jan recommended we try a rotation of different venues over the next month to see if we can find a more suitable location

Affaires nouvelles / New Business:

1. Workshops/Field Trips:

- Amy suggested Preservation Centre; however, the HGSA went last year
- Movie Night: we could use the department's projector or rent the room at Déjà Vu
 - a. Juraj suggested an Epic Movies from Eastern European cinema; five movies will be shown during the winter term with short introductions; he will e-mail Katie with the details, but he offered to organize the events.

- Rob E. suggested a retreat; he will look into in December
 - Katie's family has a cottage in Quyon which could be used for a field trip (sleeps 10-13 comfortably)
 - Takua suggested a workshop on how to "sell" yourself
 - Melanie suggested: what to do with your history PhD? How to publish a history monograph?
 - Shawn mentioned a roundtable on employment for history grads
 - Katie offered some ideas:
 - a. Workshop on presenting conference papers, which would be offered a month before the colloquium (for preparation)
 - b. Workshop on the procedures for oral history interviews
 - c. Workshop helping PhDs get into teaching
 - Jan proposed we have annual workshops, such as scholarship applications, getting published, and presenting at conferences, because these areas are always important
 - Triet mentioned brown bag lunches where professors can discuss their research and publications, which would advertise their books
 - For the Christmas Potluck, Katie suggested a committee organize it, and this year should be bring your own wine (as the HGSA supplied the wine last year)
3. Procedures for Budget Requests:
- Follow-up from Rob's request at Monday's AGM
 - Shawn suggested a constitutional amendment, creating a committee which drafts procedures
 - Rob would e-mail his procedure to Katie, so it can be voted on at the next meeting
 - Katie moved, Marilyn seconded; Rob would e-mail his proposed procedure to Katie, so it can be voted on at the next meeting

Mise à jour des comités / Committee Updates:

1. GSAÉD (Jan)

- MBA program is being renamed
- Space campaign starts at the end of October
- Because more and more students are starting in January, an orientation will be held in January.
- \$3,940 revenue, surplus \$2,000
- Café Déjà Vu: GSAÉD realized it would be impossible to make a profit from the Café, given the current arrangement with the University; therefore, the café will not be opening
- Disbursement cheque is ready to be picked up
- GSAÉD conference: call for papers
- Students must apply ASAP for the tuition rebate
- GSAÉD purchased a DVD player and projector (movie night?)

- GSAÉD has positions available
- Katie told Jan, because we were running out of time, to stop

2. CUPE (Shawn)

- They were instructed of our new rep, Shawn Ancil

3. Departmental Assembly (Rob Talbot & Melanie Morin):

- Rob Talbot reported on the recent meeting of the departmental assembly:
- Library: department will continue to voice concerns, and send letters
- Prof. Behiels mentioned students should be more vocal in fighting for a better library; he mentioned students should continue to push for a Regional Research Library
 - a. Shawn offered to contact Carleton students see how they feel
 - b. Katie recommended Rob voice our discontent with the entire situation
 - c. It was decided: if we do decide to do say anything about the library, it will go through Takua
- Three new professors will be hired, but it doesn't match student-teacher ratio, so part-time profs and Teaching Assistants are being used to compensate for the discrepancy
 - a. History Department gets the most amount of money for TA-ships
 - b. Katie mentioned the FGPS is pushing for all Teaching Assistants to have an 8.0 GPA, which we are fighting
- Concerns that the graduate seminars are being devalued because of over-crowding
- Women's studies will be moving to the new Interdisciplinary Building, and the History Department will get that building; Rob T. asked if we should try to get TA offices in that building.

4. Graduate Studies Committee (Steve Gooch & Melanie Morin)

- Melanie mentioned the double cohort will be entering grad school next year, but the committee is confident if they maintain the current ratio, we should be fine
- With respect to the current issues of over-crowding, the francophone students have it much better; it might encourage English students to take classes in French
- The big problem is most M.A. English students are doing mémoires, requiring more classes, which helps to explain the current problems
- The committee is adding a page to the website for a "Successful MA/PhD Application" Steve and Melanie offered their opinions on it at the committee meeting

- Ontario Council of Graduate Studies evaluates programs every 7 years; last time, the history department's graduate school was put on probation (next evaluation will be this coming spring). If any students have complaints about the program, Prof. Perrier asked students to talk to the professors before the spring evaluations.

5. CHA (Amy & Katie)

- Katie: call for papers for Saskatoon

Adjournement / Closing:

-Rob E. moved the meeting be adjourned, Shawn seconded—meeting adjourned.