

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

**jeudi le 8 février 2007
Thursday February 08, 2007
Grad Loft
4pm**

En attendance / In attendance: Melanie Morin, Amy Larin (Secretary-Archivist), Adam Gough, Steve Gooch, Rob Talbot, John Ward, Shawn Anctil (VP External), Jan Raska (VP Internal), Katie Rollwagen (President)

Marilyn Sweet (VP Finance) absent

Affaires anciennes/ Old Business

1. Dr. Davis's books – volunteers for inventory (Shawn)
 - a. Shawn approached Agora bookstore
 - The Agora deals with a used-book wholesaler, and they checked the list of our titles in their databases
 - They want to buy 197 titles, and they will pay \$560 for them (meaning \$280 for the HGSA); the price is guaranteed until March 4th
 - Shawn asked for volunteers to gather the 197 books (the boxes are numbered, but he needs help to go through and get the books together)
 - Shawn asked for volunteers on Tuesday or Thursday to go through the boxes
 - Katie mentioned the Grad Loft will be renovated over reading week, so it would be best to do it before reading week
 - Shawn will contact Benjamin books, shortly
2. Colloquium (Shawn)
 - Both speakers have been confirmed
 - Dr. Bélisle, from the Department, will present in French on Latin America
 - Dr. Myron Echenberg, from McGill, will present in English on Africa (Cholera and the international Community)
 - a. Dr. Echenberg does not require lodging and is not asking for a speaker fee
 - Katie moved we approve \$120 for Dr. Echenberg's train ticket; Steve seconded, motion approved unanimously. (\$120=Comfort Class)

- Reminder: the deadline for submissions to the Pierre Savard Colloquium is next Friday, February 16, 2007

3. Workshops update (Katie)

- Conference Workshop:
 - Katie apologized, because no mass e-mail was sent out in advance to students
 - Overall, it went well
- Next Monday is the career workshop
 - ARTS 509: 2 francophone presenters and 3 Anglophone presenters
 - The undergraduate student association was in charge of the posters, but no one has seen any posters advertising the event
 - Katie asked Teaching Assistants to mention it to undergraduate students

4. Library access issue (Katie)

- Katie moved to skip the issue
- Nothing to report, as the letter was sent recently
- Mention of the proposed relocation of the Annex to Lees
 - Rob asked if we should draft a letter in support of the Annex at Lees

5. OCGS Evaluation (Katie)

- Katie asked Graduate Studies reps; nothing new, as the committee did not meet
- Katie suggested Mélanie and Steve coordinate with Dr. Perrier about the workshop and meeting
 - Grad students should determine the issues we want to bring to Dr. Perrier before the evaluators arrive
- Mélanie mentioned the Departmental Assembly, where professors said students should prepare concerns/issues beforehand
 - The dept. wants grad students to prepare our concerns/issues and bring them to the meeting and workshop (before the evaluators arrive)
 - As it's getting close to the evaluation, we should arrange a meeting with Dr. Perrier, as soon as possible
- OCGS Evaluators:
 - José E. Igartua, Université du Québec à Montréal
 - John Ferris, University of Calgary

6. Hiring

- Africa:

- First Choice: Meredith Terrata, Second Choice: Marie Rodet
- Canada
 - Kenneth Banks (no second choice, so if Dr. Banks declines, the process starts again)
- Next Hiring:
 - Social History (Canada)
 - a. Mid March
 - Medieval Britain and France (tentative)

Affaires nouvelles/New Business

1. Nominations and Elections for VP Internal
 - Adam Gough nominated
 - Katie opened the floor for other nominations; there were none
 - Katie moved to approve Adam's appointment, Shawn seconded; it was accepted unanimously
 - **Adam Gough, new VP Internal**
2. Dr. Michael Katz's Visit, March 5-6, 2007
 - Adam Green came and spoke about Dr. Katz's visit
 - Three events:
 - Tuesday March 6: Public Lecture, 5:30pm in New Residence
 - Monday March 5: Presentation of a recent paper to faculty and grad students
 - Monday March 5: session with grad students, 3:30-5:30pm, ARTS 509

Mises à jour/ Committee Updates

1. GSAÉD – John
 - GSAÉD discussed possibly hiring an outside firm to do the elections
 - John circulated the proposed new ballot
 - Referendum: should GSAÉD take part in the SFUO's appeal centre? It will require a levy of \$2 per student
 - Free Beer Tasting at Nostalgica February 23, 2007
2. SCFP/CUPE – Shawn
 - No updates
3. Departmental Assembly – Melanie and Rob

- Dr. Elaine Chalus, a historian of the eighteenth century at Bath Spa University, will be visiting the university in March and Dr. Connors is organizing a lecture
- Dr. Grabowski mentioned money is available to us for the colloquium
 - If we invite undergraduates to attend, the department could fund it as a “recruiting event”
 - There also might be money available to publish conference proceedings
- Dr. Kranakis proposed professors pool money for a supper/party after the colloquium
- Financial Aid: Gaston Héon scholarships are available (a shortage of strong applicants)
 - SSHRC: one MA and four PhD applications were sent on
- Confirmed the takeover of the building next door (currently Women’s Studies)
- Issues and concerns being addressed with the upcoming evaluation (Evaluators will look at these issues)
 - a. Enough profs for fields
 - b. Computer facilities, though it is less of a concern with the laptop loan at the library
 - c. Recruitment of francophone students
 - d. Graduation and completion rates at the doctoral level

4. Graduate Studies Committee – Melanie and Steve

- No meeting, but the departmental assembly discussed the OCGS evaluation

5. CHA/SHC – Amy

- Nothing new

Ajournement/ Closing

- Katie moved to adjourn, Shawn seconded.