

**Procès-verbal de la réunion bi-annuelle de l'AÉDH**  
**Minutes of the HGSA Bi-Annual AGM**

**jeudi le 5 avril 2007**  
**Thursday April 5, 2007**  
**SMD 129**  
**15 h / 3pm**

***En attendance / In attendance:*** Amy Larin (Secretary-Archivist), Henry Trim, Steve Gooch, Daniel Macfarlane, Jean-Philip Mathieu, Takuya Tazawa, Shawn Anctil (VP External), Adam Gough (VP Internal), Katie Rollwagen (President)

Marilyn Sweet (VP Finance) absent

- Adam moved that the numbering on the AGM's Agenda be amended, changing new business to number 7, next meeting to number 8, and closing to number 9
- Adam moved that Trivia Night be added as number 5 to old business; Steve seconded
- Agenda and the previous meeting's minutes were approved unanimously
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**Affaires anciennes/ Old Business**

1. Dr. Davis's books – update (Shawn)
  - \$1050 in total (including books sold to the Agora bookstore); the money will be split 50/50 with Dr. Davis
  - many books still remain
  - Katie mentioned possibly going around to local bookstores to sell the remaining books, but another booksale will probably be held in the fall
  - Shawn said that we need to figure out an arrangement with Dr. Davis to pay him for the books (and the remaining books as we sell them)
2. Colloquium (Shawn)
  - Everything is under control (note: colloquium volunteers met at 2pm Thursday April 5, 2007 to go over the details)
3. OCGS Evaluation (March 13-14, 2007)
  - According to Dr. Perrier, everything went very well, and more information will be available shortly
  - Meeting with evaluators (students):
    - Successful
    - Evaluators asked the crowd questions
    - Issues raised were student space and class size
4. Website (Adam)

- Looked into several options: free hosting, paid web hosting (about \$100 per year), and CCS (at the University)
    - Waiting to hear back from CCS
  - Katie recommended that we wait until Adam hears back from CCS, and it may be worthwhile at the October AGM to have a new position of Webmaster, either a new position or included in an existing position's duties
  - Jean-Philip asked what the HGSA intends to do with the website
    - Adam responded that it would keep in touch with graduate students, through e-mail listservs, contact info (official HGSA e-mail addresses for the executive positions)
  - Daniel suggested a blog about graduates (where are they now?)
5. Trivia Night (Adam)
- Being held Friday April 13, 2007
  - 3 teams of 4 confirmed, and 3 teams of 2 confirmed
  - Prizes were bought

## **Affaires nouvelles/New Business**

1. Executive Update:
  - a) President (Katie)
    - Areas of concern were the hiring of new professors, as very few graduate students attended the presentations, and Katie recommended that, in future, the HGSA target certain students, who know that particular field, for the presentations
    - French Conversation Nights: Katie suggested the HGSA rethink them, as they were intended to be a bilingual social activity, but few students came out
    - Library: keep an eye on it, but the Faculty's library committee shares our concerns
    - We also made a general policy of not purchasing alcohol for HGSA events (because of liability/legal issues)
    - Katie presented a report and Amy added it to the archives
  - b) V.P. Internal (Adam)
    - Disseminating e-mails, keeping department up-to-date
    - Website
    - Trivia Night
  - c) V-P Finance (Marilyn was absent, Katie presented Marilyn's report)
    - We receive \$552.50 a session (based on the number of graduate students in the department)
    - Spend \$800-\$900 a year on the Colloquium

- Other activities include: Book Sale, Trivia Night, providing refreshments and snacks at the workshops, orientation
- Current account \$2882 (but \$500 of that will be going to Dr. Davis)
- Amy entered Marilyn's report into the archives

## 2. Orientation (Katie)

- Discussed following the committee updates
- We need volunteers for Orientation
- Amy volunteered to organize it; Adam, Daniel, and Jean-Philip will also help out
- We should think of events for the Orientation (big kick-off pub night, sports, and/or games)
- As we talked about Orientation and Pub Nights, Jean-Philip raised some concerns
  - French students don't come out to pub nights
  - There's little communication between the English and the French cohorts
  - If we do have more francophone students coming into the department next year, the HGSA needs to make an effort to integrate the two groups
  - History-related activities were lacking; no emphasis on history subjects
  - HGSA should make more of an effort to engage in debates
- Shawn mentioned the HGSA did hold East-Central Europe movie nights, but very few people came; the HGSA sent out e-mails, posted calendars and posters, but students are not participating
- Daniel recommended having monthly presentations where students present papers in front of their peers

## 3. Elections

- As there were not enough people present (at the beginning of the meeting), it was accepted to leave the elections until the end of the meeting
- Daniel moved that we go ahead with the elections; Shawn seconded, and it was accepted unanimously
- Katie explained that although we did not have quorum we could acclaim the positions
- President
  - No nominations, Katie asked for nominations from the floor

- Both Jean-Philip and Adam nominated themselves for the position
- **Since the HGSA could only acclaim the positions, not hold elections, Shawn moved to extend the mandates of the positions one week, until a ‘special election’ could be held, Steve seconded.**
  - **Because of extenuating circumstances, the elections were postponed until the following Thursday at Café Nostalgica (following the Colloquium).**
- **Elections of the VP Internal and the VP Finance were also postponed**

### Mises à jour/ Committee Updates

#### 1. GSAÉD – Adam

- Elections took place recently (President: Marc Doumit, VP Internal: Kelly McClellan, VP Communications: Philippe Marchand, VP Finances: Rizwana Alamgir-Arif, VP Services: Faisal Arif)
- Annual General Meeting April 30, 2007; Katie encouraged all students to attend, since GSAÉD has not been able to reach quorum for several years

#### 2. SCFP/CUPE – Shawn

- Pre-bargaining report was put out, and CUPE is getting set for September negotiations. Issues that will be discussed in September include indexing to tuition, intellectual property concerns, and other issues.
- Chief Steward Anglophone was re-elected
- Mathieu Brulé, a MA student at the department of history, is VP without portfolio on the committee, so the HGSA will be well-represented

#### 3. Departmental Assembly (Katie)

- All those offered jobs have accepted their positions and Shannon McSheffrey was also offered a job (spousal appointment). She will be teaching in Medieval England (She most recently taught at Concordia, see: <http://alcor.concordia.ca/~shannon/>)
- Post Confederation:
  - One candidate the department said ‘no way’
  - Other could not be hired because he was not bilingual
    - Department will ask the Dean to hire the candidate as part of Dr. Behiels’ organization,

and then hire someone else for the Post-Confederation position

- If they open up the position again, they will look for a junior-level hire rather than a senior level (as they were originally trying to replace Dr. Gaffield)

4. Graduate Studies Committee (Steve)

- 25 M.A. students (12 francophone students) and 3 PhDs
- Seminars will be capped at 15 students
- Next meeting at the end of April

5. CHA/SHC – Amy

- Registration is now open for the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Saskatoon (May 28-30, 2007)  
<http://www.fedcan.ca/congress2007/>

**Katie: E-mail will be sent out to students explaining the situation and the HGSA will hold the rest of the meeting Thursday April 12, 2007 at Café Nostalgica**

**Adam moved to adjourn, Shawn seconded.**

**Élections / Elections**  
**Café Nostalgica**  
**18h, 6pm**  
**jeudi le 12 avril 2007**  
**Thursday April 12, 2007**

***En attendance / In attendance:*** Amy Larin (Secretary-Archivist), Anand Bhatt, Simon Thoebold, Chris Case, Maurice Labelle, Patrick Couperus, Triet Nguyen Steve Gooch, Daniel MacFarlane, Jean-Philip Mathieu, Jeff Brideau, Takuya Tazawa, Shawn Anctil (VP External), Adam Gough (VP Internal), Katie Rollwagen (President)

- Katie explained the situation and that she has to resign, because she will be taking a leave of absence for the summer (and will not be a student)
- Adam is nominated for VP Internal: he was acclaimed unanimously
- Katie opened the floor for nominations
- VP Finance – Daniel Macfarlane (absent) expressed interest in the position, and he was acclaimed unanimously
- President – Jean-Philip nominated himself; he's qualified, he's fluently bilingual—acclaimed unanimously

**Elected HGSA members:****Daniel MacFarlane – VP Finance****Adam Gough – VP Internal****Jean-Philip Mathieu –President**

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