

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

**mercredi le 2 mai 2007
Wednesday May 2, 2007
Grad Loft
16 h / 4pm**

En attendance / In attendance: Amy Larin (Secretary-Archivist), Katie Rollwagen, Melanie Morin, Takuya Tazawa, Rob Talbot, Daniel Macfarlane (VP Finance), Adam Gough (VP Internal), Jean-Philip Mathieu (President)

Shawn Anctil (VP External) absent (report submitted)

1. Bienvenue / Welcome

- Jean-Philip welcomed members

2. Appel à l'ordre / Call to Order

- Jean-Philip called the meeting to order

3. Adoption de l'ordre du jour / Adoption of the Agenda

- Adam moved; Katie seconded. Motion was accepted unanimously.

4. Adoption du procès verbal / Adoption of the Minutes

- Daniel moved; Adam seconded. Accepted unanimously

5. Affaires anciennes / Old Business

1. Livres de Dr Davis / Dr. Davis' books

- Shawn submitted a report
- Katie gave Dr. Davis his share of the money, but Dr. Davis has not yet said what to do with the other books. Katie said it was safe to assume that the remaining books are ours
- Katie will make a list of some of the books and bring them around to local booksellers
- Dr. Davis suggested to Adam the Dictionary be sold to a bookstore
- Katie suggested the books be boxed up in the summer.
- Set a date for a book sale in the fall, so we can advertise it during orientation
- Ask profs for other books
- There are copies of *Social History* in the basement of the department that we can have (we can have them all except the first issue).
 - Ask Francine to let us into the basement
 - Must do it ASAP as Samy needs to get the boxes out of the basement

- Jean-Philip said he'll go down there and get copies for the loft

2. Colloque / Colloquium

- Jean-Philip read Shawn's report
 - Fairly successful
 - Next year: only two sessions at once and reserve Nostalgica
 - Little cost to hold it (apparently, it was as attended as the GSÉAD conference and it cost \$20,000)
 - CD-ROM knowledge base will be placed in the HGSA-AÉDH Archive for next VP External
- Katie suggested we could hold it over two days; Rob suggested the HGSA reserve the rooms for two days and make the final decision (for one or two days) after receiving all the abstracts
- We could have the keynote and reception the evening before the colloquium
- Should we invite students from Carleton next year?
- We should try to have students take it more seriously (it was noted that the call for papers this year said all would be accepted)
- Takua mentioned the OCGS evaluators asked about the Colloquium. The evaluators wanted to know about the level of it, faculty involvement, peer review (basically, what is being done to make it a worthwhile for students, particularly as a professional qualification on applications?)
- Katie thought departmental seminars, where all students are required to present their research to faculty and grad students, would be worthwhile for students
 - Daniel offered to spearhead the Departmental Seminar idea
 - Amy suggested we contact supervisors to encourage their students
- We could also have faculty members more involved in Pierre Savard to heighten its academic level, such as having commentators instead of chairs; students would submit their papers to the faculty member chairing the session, and the faculty member would read it and prepare questions.
- Amy announced the HGSA received \$500 from the FGPS for the Colloquium

3. Site web de l'AÉDH / HGSA Web Site

- Adam : CCS is in the process of setting up a new server for associatios
 - He wasn't told the limit
 - According to CCS, members of the HGSA log in to the account and upload to the site
 - Not held to the University's content rules
- Jean-Philip, Adam, and Takua will create a committee to set up the website

- Jean-Philip: at the departmental assembly, the department considered a newsletter, bulletin
 - Jean-Philip suggested a departmental website run by the HGSA
 - Set up a newsletter through the HGSA's site, and we can consolidate the e-mails from Suzanne
- Commercial option \$100 per year
- Katie moved and Rob seconded that the website committee pursue all options and report back at the next HGSA meeting with quorum – accepted unanimously
- Adam would like to have the website set up in time for Orientation

4. **Orientation d'automne / Fall Orientation**

- Amy: nothing to report, as the committee has not met yet.
- Melanie offered to help, because she still has the information from last year's orientation
- We should set up a mentorship program, pairing new students with returning students
 - Solicit for volunteers
- Adam suggested the Orientation committee meet soon

5. **Compte-rendu des Élections / Elections update**

- New executives elected at the AGM, three posts open in the fall.

6. Affaires Nouvelles / New Business

1. **Activités d'été / Summer Activities**

- Triet has been holding a soccer match at Strathcona Park in Sandy Hill Sundays at 2pm, all are welcome (time might change)
- Jean-Philip: the HGSA should hold monthly pub nights
 - Last Thursday of the month at the Royal Oak
- Adam proposed organizing a street hockey game, followed by a pub night

2. **Idées pour l'année prochaine / Ideas for next year**

- Adam suggested an e-mail newsletter for next year
 - The problem is that we only have the e-mails of the people who give us their e-mails; only Suzanne has the complete list and she can't share the e-mails because of confidentiality issues.
 - Daniel suggested we could print them out and put them in the mailboxes at the department
 - Melanie said not all students check their mailbox regularly

- Daniel suggested we use the Facebook community until we get the website going, just so we can let students know about events throughout the summer
- Adam suggested skating on the canal as an activity for next year
- Daniel suggested an Orientation for January students
- Katie reminded everyone that we need to set up the grant writing workshop, so we can announce it to incoming students at orientation
- Jean-Philip would like to see a debate (featuring professors) organized
- Takua suggested the HGSA plan the number of workshops for the year
- Daniel suggested workshop on applying to grad schools for upper-year undergrads applying to MA and MA students applying to PhD
- Katie suggested a new position, Carleton Liaison, be created in the fall to help coordinate events with Carleton
- Bulletin Board
 - Rob said we need to talk to Grabowski and Francine, but they are willing to help us get a bulletin board
- Adam suggested the HGSA organize a Canada Day event

7. Mise à jour des comités / Committee Updates

a. GSAÉD

- Adam explained the budget passed because they had quorum but someone called for quorum and there wasn't 80 people present

b. SCFP/CUPE (Shawn)

- Nothing to report

c. Assemblée Départemental / Departmental Assembly (Rob)

- Very few students apply for the departmental scholarships
- The Department will not take possession of the Women's Studies building until January, because the new building is delayed
- Dr. Blake's hiring was vetoed because he was not able to teach in French
 - HGSA members discussed the situation and whether or not it was the correct course of action
 - It was not clear, however, if Dr. Blake was willing to take courses to improve his French as Dr. Banks had done
- Post-confederation post will be re-opened
- Dr. McSheffrey will not be coming to the department; her husband found a job in Montreal
- Hiring in US history was approved
- The Dean told the department that the hiring of future faculty does not look promising
- 5 Profs are going on sabbatical: Dr. Lessard, Dr. Fianu, Dr. Kranakis, Dr. Bischoff, and Dr. St. Onge
- Dr. Perrier reported on the OCGS evaluation
 - Acknowledged the program was strong but under-funded

- A new committee will be created to look at ways for improving the PhD program
 - New Dean's Scholarships
 - Department planning the scholarship workshop for the fall
 - Dr. Fianu wants another medievalist hired for the department, since Dr. McSheffrey is not coming to the department
- d. **Comité des Études Supérieures / Graduate Studies Committee**
- Next meeting May 8, 2007
- e. **CHA/SHC**
- Upcoming elections and Saskatoon
 - Visit the website for more information on the elections and candidates:
8. **Prochaine Réunion / Next Meeting**
- Jean-Philip requested the next meeting be held earlier in the day, so the next meeting will be held at 12: 30pm in the Grad Loft
- 07 juin 2007, **12h 30h** – Loft des Diplômés / 07 June 2007, **12:30pm** – Grad Loft
9. **Clôture / Adjournment**
- Katie moved; Amy seconded. Meeting adjourned