1. Bienvenue / Welcome

2. Appel à l’ordre / Call to Order –

Tanya called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

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

The agenda was adopted adding new point 5.3 – Letter on box-tops policy (prop: Adam, second: Dave) and new point 6.2 – Teaching Opportunities for PhD Students (prop: Ada, Second: Dave)

The agenda was adopted as amended. Proposed by: Dave Second: Amy

4. Adoption du procès verbal / Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes were adopted without any changes. Proposed: Pat Second: Dave

5. Affaires Anciennes/Old Business

   i. Bilingualism – Tanya reported on her meeting with Dr.Keshen to discuss the possibility of a bilingual course (Public History). She will have further meetings and report any news.

   ii. Camping – The possibility of deferring costs with HGSA money was raised. Dates were discussed (21-23 August) though no decision was made.

   iii. Box-Tops – The letter was re-drafted but is still in the draft stages and will be circulated to interested parties for comment. There was a general
consensus that the proposed policy would reduce the quality of our program which is not acceptable.

6. Affaires Nouvelles/New Business

   i. Orientation – Plans for Orientation were discussed. The Orientation will be similar to last year’s. The option of ‘wet’ and ‘dry’ (non-alcoholic) events was discussed. As well, the Orientation session should stress academic and social aspects of the HGSA and the Department. Events to be promoted include the Colloquiums, Strata, the Pierre Savard Conference.

   Julie asked for volunteers to help her update the student booklet.

   ii. PhD Teaching Opportunities – The lack of PhD teaching opportunities for next year’s classes represents a potential financial loss as well as a loss of important experience running a course. Pierrick is in the process of drafting a letter with a group of PhD students that will be sent to the Dean of Arts, Dean of FGPS, the BOG, and University President Allan Rock.

7. Committee Updates

   a. GSAED – changes were made to the Health Plan, including removing funding for the HPV vaccine, and reducing dental coverage (3 units of scaling per year instead of 4 and a reduction to $750 of the cost of major dental services that are covered. The amount for contraceptives was increased to $280/year. The University will have a deficit next year of around $10 million dollars due to the economic situation

   b. CUPE – Nothing to report

   c. Departmental Assembly – Nothing to report

   d. Graduate Studies Committee – Nothing to report

   e. CHA – The CHA’s conference took place in Ottawa, at Carleton University this year.

   f. Colloquium – Everything is set for September, plan to brew wine instead of buying bottles every week.

   g. Website – needs to be updated, important to get Grad Student mini-bios. Adam and Julie to meet to discuss overall website maintenance and other issues

8. Varia

   a. New TA offices will be in the old school at 200 Wilbrod in the fall. Students need to return their keys to the old TA offices to Francince.

   b. Jordan will bring up the idea of a university wide “trip-sharing” board for students to co-ordinate research/conference travel.

9. Côture / Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm