Présents / In attendance: Tanya Daley (President), Tyler Turek (VP Finance), Julie Léger (VP Internal), Patrick Fournier, Adam Gough, Jordan Birenbaum, Takuya Tazawa, Cedric Brosseau

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

Adopted by Tyler and Tanya at 6:02pm

4. Adoption du procès verbal / Adoption of the Minutes

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

5. Affaires Anciennes/Old Business

i. BBQ – HGSA will contribute $700 to fund orientation BBQ at Dr. Keshen’s house on September 11. Tanya and Julie will go to Costco and purchase supplies. We may have an HGSA baking day, making desserts and cutting vegetables in order to save some money.

1a. Wet/Dry activities – brainstorm a number of ideas for activities during orientation week. Suggestions: Capture the Flag; movie night; Trivia (Adam will look into doing special night at Nostalgica); historical walking tour of Ottawa run by Julie. We will also have the September colloquium on September 15 and the AGM will be on September 17.

1b. Orientation committee – Tanya suggests that we form a committee to handle orientation business. The largest obstacle will be to get enough volunteers to attend each of the events throughout the week. Tyler notes that we should get some T-Shirts made so that we are recognizable.
ii. Bilingualism – HGSA agrees to support the creation of a bilingual history course. Tanya will meet with the Dean of Arts to make our case.

iii. Camping – August 21 to 23 are the confirmed dates for camping. HGSA adopts Jordan’s proposal to subsidize the camping, leaving each camper to pay $10.

iv. Box-Tops – Review Tanya’s most recent draft of letter to the Faculty of Arts. HGSA provides some minor edits and corrections. Tanya will revise and submit the letter shortly.

v. 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. We read Pierrick’s letter and agreed with the fundamental points. The HGSA fully supports the department’s PhD students.

6. Affaires Nouvelles / New Business

No New Business

7. Committee Updates

   a. GSAED – Academic Writing Club being set up to assist grad students with their writing skills. Education GSA is trying to be more professional and not simply social group. Proposed funding this for students to make thesis writing easier. The cost is $70 for a four-week program and GSAED will have some feedback at the next meeting. We discussed Policy 92 – the ‘snitch line’ – and object to the lack of oversight in this proposal.

   b. CUPE – Nothing to report

   c. Departmental Assembly – Nothing to report

   d. Graduate Studies Committee – Nothing to report

   e. CHA – Nothing to report

   f. Colloquium – Pat and Jordan will present. Tyler will talk to Dr. Perras about presenting.

   g. Web site – Website is updated!

8. Varia

   a. Space campaign – HGSA requires wireless internet in the new office space on Wilbrod Ave.

9. Côture / Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm