

**Procès verbal de l'assemblée mensuelle de l'AÉDH  
Minutes of the HGSA Monthly Meeting**

**Jeudi 3 septembre 2009  
Thursday September 3, 2009  
Grad Loft  
18h00 / 6:00pm**

*Présents / In attendance:* **Tanya Daley (President), Julie Léger (VP interne), Tyler Turek (VP finance), Jean-Philippe Mathieu, Patrick Fournier, Madeleine, Jordan Birenbaum, Denis Lamoureux, Cedric Brosseau, Emilie Pilon-David**

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**1. Bienvenue / Welcome**

**2. Appel à l'ordre / Call to Order –**

Tanya called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

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

Adopted by Tyler & Julie at 6:04pm with the following changes : added Emilie's motion ("medievalist grievance") as 6f and the date was corrected (September instead of July)

**4. Adoption du procès verbal / Adoption of the Minutes**

The minutes for the August meeting were adopted by Julie and Patrick without any changes.

**5. Affaires Anciennes/Old Business**

- a) Space campaign: Tanya & Julie ont vu le nouveau bureau au 200 Wilbrod (10 tables pour les étudiants). Demande a été faite à Manon pour avoir 2 cubicules séparés afin d'avoir un endroit privé pour rencontrer les étudiants. Tanya et Julie ont les clés. Pour recevoir une clé, écrire à Tanya qui fera une demande à Francine. Il y a également une salle de conférence à notre disposition (Julie a la clé). L'accès n'est pas exclusif au département d'histoire mais jusqu'à date l'espace n'a pas été assignée à personne d'autre. We were supposed to have only the left side but we should spread out and use all 10 desks. It's a study space not only for TA's but for all students who need a quiet place to study (there is no permanent spot, however) This place will be quiet, and the loft will be a more social space. There is internet access. Manon ordered blinds for more privacy she says we can suggest things to make this place better (Jordans suggests locking cabinets, Tanya will ask)

- b) Camping : WAS FUN!! Tanya described it as a “Wet success” which sums it up quite well...This event will surely take place again next year. Tyler suggests that we take money deposit from each participant *before* the event.
- c) Orientation schedule/Semaine d’orientation :
  - Tuesday : For the scavenger hunt : Julie wants prizes. Was decided that Julie will go shop for goofy stuff at the Dollarstore.
  - Wednesday : Trivia at Royal Oak, already a lot of RSVP, maybe enough for another team. Tanya will reserve tables in front because we will need a lot of tables to sit everyone. If reservations can’t be made, someone will be there at 6:00, and someone else will welcome new students at the door at 6:30. The event is NOT held in the basement, as it is indicated on the schedule.
  - Thursday : Visite guidée du campus, rencontre au loft, Board games night at the loft. Julie will buy snacks and drinks. Each person brings a game of his/her choice. Jordan will bring cooler for pops. Also, we have to move the boxes of books to make space for that event.
  - Friday : Orientation session will be held in Simard 125 and NOT in Art 509. Received a lot of responses for the BBQ at professor Keshen’s home, so a lot of help is needed for the set-up (before the BBQ and Thursday night as well) and the clean-up afterwards. Some volunteers have been recruited but Julie is asking for more! After the BBQ, people can go to the old Zam pub, which is now the Draft Pub. Tanya will reserve tables for us.
- d) Cours bilingue/Bilingual course : Won’t do double biling. Tanya will ask why. Keshen confirms that this class will take place (public history, during winter session). Tanya will have updates at the next meeting.

## 6. Affaires Nouvelles /New Business

- a) Colloquiums/ colloques – policy/politique 88 :
  - NO alcohol in any events. Manon told us and we officially know now. We can have a big fine and get sued if we get caught using alcohol. Our choices are either catering or the basement of Oak if we still want to have alcohol at the colloquiums. Best bet is the Oak but Tanya says we have to slow down on the social aspect and have more academic events. Julie says we could still serve food and no-alcohol beverages. We might not need wine to lure students at this event. But others argue that serving wine encourages people to come and makes the atmosphere less “nerve-racking” for the presenters. Cedric even proposes a “placebo punch” as last resort!
  - On the publicity, it was decided to write “Refreshments and food will be served”, for the first colloquium at least
  - It was decided that September’s colloquium will be dry and we will go to a pub after the presentations. We will then survey the student at the AGM to have their opinions on that matter. If it is decided that

- alcohol should be part of the colloquium, the October event will be held at the Oak (basement)
- Room reservation : Julie suggère de faire une seule demande de réservation incluant toutes les dates des colloques puisque le formulaire de réservation de salle est très complexe.
  - Julie asks new students to advertise the colloquiums in the seminars.
- b) AGM : Open positions : VP finance, VP external, secretary-archivist, all reps. Reps would be a great way to include new students. Tyler says he needs help with Pierre Savard, preferably from an “older” student.
  - c) Mentorship programme / programme de mentorat : Will be informal. Sheets will be placed at orientation to get name/subject/email of new students. We will then take the list to older students with similar subjects and get them to talk to the news students, answer questions, propose help, etc. We will need a list of the grade students who wish to participate to this program. Emilie says that this program could be *really* important to help new students with scholarship applications. Tyler suggests a facebook group, to answer all questions at once.
  - d) Student bios on website / profil des étudiants sur le web : Emilie volunteers to gather name/subject of each student as listed in the binder of the department (she will do it after Sept. 22th)
  - e) Letter to new Dean/Lettre au nouveau Doyen : Tanya judged best to write a new letter welcoming the new Dean and providing him with information about the HGSA. She dropped the letter and requested a meeting and will deal with others matters at that time.
  - f) “Medievalist grievance” :Emilie explique que professeur Kouky Fianu veut demander l’embauche d’un autre “méievaliste”, puisqu’elle est la seule dans ce domaine à l’Université d’Ottawa. C’est également un problème pour les soutenance de thèse, car les étudiants/es de Fianu, dont Emilie, doivent chercher des spécialistes dans d’autres universités (processus très long, peu de collaboration de l’UO). Donc, professeure Fianu veut savoir si elle a le support de l’HGSA dans cette situation. Tanya says that we mainly support the students who are at disadvantage because of this situation and she will go talk to the dean of graduate studies.

## 7. Committee Updates

- a. GSAED – architect was there : we have to push more for our buildings (which currently as not wheelchair access). Jordan suggests to speak to Dean because we really have nothing. Need space for professors and students + space we have is dangerous. Julie wants to put back the space campaign on the next agenda.
- b. CUPE – Survey was given to us and was filled out. This was the last act of Tanya as CUPE rep, we can still talk to her for any problems, but she will ask someone else to take care of it.
- c. Departmental Assembly – N/A

- d. Graduate Studies Committee – N/A
- e. CHA – N/A
- f. Colloquium – N/A
- g. Web site – Some changes need to be done, and Patrick can either take care of it or train someone else to do it. Pictures will be put up, change color if possible, Jordan says we could ask for help with the webspace.

**8. Varia**

- a. Food for BBQ : will be discussed over dinner after the meeting
- b. Julie wants to renew the loft (to make it more comfortable, cleaner, with supplies, more desk space, calendar of events, pictures etc.) The budget for this project will be discussed at next meeting.
- c. Book sale : Julie needs to talk to Amy about this matter. But a tentative date as been set : Centre universitaire, 22-23-24 septembre.
- d. Regroupement des étudiants Franco-Ontarien : première AGA du 25 au 27 septembre à Sudbury. Inscription est 10\$ incluant la nourriture, le transport, l'hébergement et un concert de Malajube. Besoin de participants/es!!! Ceux et celles intéressés peuvent parler à Julie.

**9. Côture / Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm**