

Minutes – English version
HGSA Monthly Meeting
Thursday March 6th, 5:30 pm, Grad House 2nd floor, room 211 (601 Cumberland)

Membres de l'exécutive / Members of the Executive

Julien Labrosse– President

Brent Holloway – VP Internal

Mark Farine – VP External

Logan Scott – VP Finance

Mélanie Morin– Secretary-Archivist

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Brent, moves to adopt, Logan seconds motion, adopted unanimously

4. Adoption of the Minutes

- a. David moves to adopt, Mélanie seconds motion, adopted unanimously

5. Old Business

a. Book Sale

According to our VP Internal, it went better than expected. We did about 1000\$ in profits. We need to figure out what to do with the used books that we didn't sell.

b. January-February Social Event

- i. The event at Hooley's went well. The next one will be at Brasseur du Temps. Family Feud, Trivia Pursuit and the undergrads' bingo are amongst the activities coming soon.

a. Capsule temporelle (Mars) / Time capsule (March)

- ii. We are still working on it.

c. Departmental Evaluation

- i. The evaluation was successful. Many positive comments came out of this assessment. The evaluators said they enjoyed the atmosphere of the department.

6. New Business

a. Francophone recruitment day

- a. There will be a francophone recruitment day for which we seek help from the graduates students in order to teach a course. Ask Professor Kouky Fianu for the info.

b. Biographies for website

- a. It seeks to update the website of the History Department of the University of Ottawa. The department encourages students to submit their biographies. This allows to present the various students of the University as well as the flexibility of a thesis supervisor. Interested parties should indicate the name of their supervisor, their research topic, etc. Julien said he will send us one example.
- c. Website
 - a. We need to rethink our website since its old.
- d. The Department
 - a. The History Department has a budget surplus of \$ 18,000. A request will be done for a grant for the Pierre Savard Conference.
 - b. The Communications Department is looking for pictures of ideas in the theme «defy the conventions».
 - c. Scholarships news:
 - i. All the 23 students who have applied for an OGS and SSHRC scholarship have been approved by the committees. The results remain to be share. According to an estimate, up to the third of the students will receive a scholarship.
 - d. The enrollment rate in the department (various levels) has decreased drastically.
- e. Elections
 - a. Elections will be held in April. The goal is to have one candidature per position. At least 10 people per meeting are needed to achieve the necessary quorum. An email will be sent this week to invite people to apply for the available positions. The mandate of the old student council ends on May 1st.

7. Committee Updates

- a. GSAED
 - i. The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is likely to be dismantled in order to save money. If the motion passes in the Senate, there will be no final decision-making body for graduate students. This will automatically abolish the regulation of graduate studies. GSAED and the history department have publicly stated their disagreements face this decommissioning.
 - ii. GSAED encourages students to vote in their elections. They have great difficulty with their association. They also plan to have elections for each member of the GSAED, including each departmental members. There must be a candidate for GSAED for the next elections in order to get our funding from them. Also, the General Assembly of April encourages people to come forward and vote on the new constitution of \$ 42,000. Otherwise GSAED is not considered a legal body according to the new law passed by the Province of Ontario.
- b. SCFP/ CUPE
 - i. There's no indication of a strike so far for our syndicate. The vote for the strike will take place this Tuesday at 5pm at Tabaret.
- c. Graduate Studies Committee

- i. No updates.
- d. CHA
 - i. No updates. Although, their programme for their conference held at the University of Ottawa is now available online.
- e. Pierre Savard Conference
 - i. The Desmarais room was booked for the wine and cheese as well as the banquet.
 - ii. They should finalize the program soon.
 - iii. Cleo, Mathieu and Logan have been assigned to review the proposals. They should all be reviewed before March 13th. The letters of acceptance are going to be sent on the same day.
 - iv. Cleo and Melanie are on standby to offer help for the banquet and for the wine and cheese.
 - v. They now need to organize the funding for that event.

8. Varia

- a. Professor Serge Durflinger said some funds are still available for academic trips for up to \$ 1500. Applications must be submitted by 11 March to the University of Ottawa.
- b. The HSA is organizing a costume party on March 20th. All students are invited.

9. Adjournment

- a. Proposed by David
- b. Seconded by Mathieu
- c. Adopted unanimously