

## General Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 12, 6-7:30 pm, MNT 20

**Priority:** Upcoming workshop and winter formal venue

### Agenda

1. **Call to Order** (Intro/welcome & attendance)
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Recap of orientation week**
  - What we liked
    - i. Scavenger hunt, (bond with the team and learn where everything is on campus)
    - ii. Games night a good opportunity to connect the new grads to the execs/returning grads
    - iii. Short presentations with contact information for individuals to reach out
  - What we didn't like
    - i. Potentially not as fun for individuals who are more introverted (very social events)
  - Things to do differently for next year
    - i. Potentially bigger predrink location for pub crawl (~50)
4. **Reports from Executive Council**
  - VP Academic
    - i. Kurt is prepared to give academic workshop
      1. **Jean Michel is getting coffee and decaf and pizza**
      2. **Tami will ask Rabea about a pointer/clicker**
    - ii. Kurt has suggested a workshop (1/2 day-full day) where individuals can come and get their presentation critiqued by individuals in their field of research (Jan/Feb)
      1. Also do poster edits
  - VP Finance
    - i. Budget recap of orientation week
    - ii. In the future set aside a budget for "unpaid tabs"
    - iii. We went \$15 above the projected budget but under last years budget
  - VP Communications
    - i. Anything to be included in the newsletter should be sent to Tami by Sept 26<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Potentially include scholarship deadlines in the email
    - iii. October 12<sup>th</sup> for next social (Bring back monthly social)
    - iv. Suggestion to send out an agenda of orientation day earlier in the summer
  - VP Social
    - i. Winter formal
    - ii. Facebook group (our year) to plan a social get together for returning students
    - iii. Student-prof social and grad student social in alternating months

- iv. Grad social in Nostalgica (Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm)
  - v. Julia will look into Mill street and 3 brewers (how many people can be accommodated, is there a way of setting up a DJ, how much does it cost) can we do meetings on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Aiming for December 7<sup>th</sup> or backup 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Estimated 8-10K
  - vi. Look into the poster template of the winter social to start promoting it
  - o VP Council
    - i. **Julia to create co-curricular positions for the General Council and GSAED liason**
  - o President
    - i. Scholarship vs Grant possibility
    - ii. CUPE TA/RAships
      - 1. If anyone has any concerns reach out to Maji
- 5. GESAD Updates**
- o Academic conference funds are being worked on
  - o GSAED looking into building a website with Grad student resources
  - o Writing workshop in Montreal (\$75 per person) in November
  - o Jean Michel to get the money from GSAED for the fall-winter semesters
  - o Next board meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> 530pm TBT 083 (Will be updated after)
- 6. Reports from General Council**
- o Expectations for the General Council
    - i. Possible committees:
      - 1. Language officer
      - 2. Outreach
      - 3. Academics
      - 4. Communications
      - 5. Social
  - o Election process overview
- 7. Anything else?**
- o Look into making the year end academic conference a 2 day event (look into funding)
- 8. Action items for next meeting**
- 9. Adjournment**

Action Items

**EVERYONE-** Anything you would like included in the monthly newsletter needs to be sent to Tami by September 26<sup>th</sup> at the latest!

**JEAN MICHEL-** Pick up coffee and pizza for academic workshop tuesday

**TAMI-** Ask Rabea if there is a pointer/clicker for the workshop on Tuesday

**JULIA-** Reach out to winter social potential venues, and create co-curricular positions