

General Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday March 7th, 4-5:30 MNT 206

Priority: Academic conference and hockey tournament planning

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** (Intro/welcome & attendance)
2. **Approval of Minutes (Circulated electronically, January Meeting)**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Updates from TA/RA focus group** (if applicable)
5. **Priority events:**
 - **Hockey tournament + Social (April 26-27)**
 - i. Updates from planning committee meeting with the draft
 1. Meeting with the draft got cancelled yesterday so no update
 2. JM will be talking to benoit to determine budget (likely going to be \$500)
 3. Will also likely get \$250 from HKSA
 4. Asking hockey players to donate \$20 per person for fundraising
 5. Look into potentially charging a \$5 fee
 6. Potentially delete the \$400 budgeted towards food on the 2nd day and move it to the first
 7. **Everyone come up with 3 carnival/stag and doe games**
 - ii. HKSA involvement
 - iii. Fundraiser games (i.e. water pong tournament)
 1. Signed cards with the winner card selected later
 2. Gatorade chugging
 3. Change games (need a designated change person)
 4. Stack Cup
 5. Target shots/ Slapshot
 6. Ring Toss
 - iv. Raffle ideas
 - **Academic conference + Social (April 12th)**
 - i. Key note speaker and panel speakers
 1. UOttawa Woman's rugby coach 30 mins
 2. Parking should be paid for the key note
 3. Need to start developing the panel
 - a. Michelle Fortier
 - b. Post-doc in ryan grahams lab? Laryssa will ask
 - c. Look for someone with connections to MITACS

- d. Someone from MHK-look for someone in the sports industry – Marijke Taks
- e. CSEP speaker?
- f. Kyle Paquette?
- g. Philip Rousseau – knowledge translation
- h. Aiming for 6 people total
4. Have questions developed through the association and a box on the day of the conference so that people can drop in their own questions
5. Questions should be sent to the panel in advance
- ii. Food
 1. Leaning towards la bottega
 2. Get free coffee for the morning
 3. Pick up baked goods from the grocery store and breakfast snacks
 4. Shuhiba will go to Costco on the 11th
 5. Cheap bagels from Kettleman's
 6. Attempting to get donated cookies with HKGSA lettering
- iii. Venue
- iv. Gift bags
 1. CUPE pens
 2. Pass to elevate yoga
 3. Week long passes to the daily method
 4. Ask if Benoit can donate travel grants as money (\$750 in travel grants)
 5. Travel mugs and notebooks from GSAED-Shuhiba will pick up
 6. Bigger prizes
 - a. Include raffle tickets in the giftbags
 - b. Wheelhouse 2-week membership
 - c. 2 people to escape manor
 - d. Elevate yoga month pass
- v. Posters for advertising
- vi. Social after (venue and booking)
 1. Jenson is going to reach out to Rabea again in a while to get room booking
 2. FNS or la maison for social after
 3. Shuhiba will see if we can get a cheaper drink rate for Nostalgebra (University affairs commissioner and Dave from the café) and the space for our group
- vii. Everyone harass people in their lab to submit abstracts
- viii. Moderators will score presentations and a prize will be given to best presentation

6. GESAD Updates

- Student choice initiative- Meaning the government is making it so that students can opt out of funding university organizations. Meaning fees would no longer be paid to

GSAED from the student association. Would eliminate the travel funds from GSAED. This hasn't been passed as law yet so we need to emphasize how important GSAED is.

- May not be a summer dispersement meaning next years council may not get money in the summer (loss of \$1000). By-law committee is working on making it mandatory.
- GSAED commissioner elections will all be done online
- Overall, we might not have a student association next year
- Apply for conferences before September to try to ensure funding

7. Other events

- **Student Prof socials**
- **Karaoke/Band night (perhaps considering 1848)**

8. Reports from General Council

9. Anything else?

10. Action items for next meeting

11. Adjournment

Action Items

Everyone

- come up with 3 carnival/stag and doe games
- harass people in their lab to submit abstracts

Jean-Michel

- talk to benoit to determine budget for hockey tournament (likely going to be \$500)

Shuhiba

- pick up breakfast food from Costco on the 11th
- picking up travel mugs and notebooks from GSAED
- See if we can get a cheaper drink rate for Nostalgica (will speak to university of affairs commissioner and dave from the café)

Laryssa

- Ask benoit if travel grant money can be used in other ways

Jenson

- Reach out to potential speakers for the panel

Ryan

- Confirm with la maison or FNS for post conference social

Kerri

- **Continue to reach out to venues for donations for the conference**