

## General Council Minutes

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Stuart

#### Grad studies committee

- This year is program evaluation for our department, not sure what that will involve right now but students will be involved
- Professors will write down what their goals are in 7 years and then evaluate in 7 years if they occurred
- In new year, department of quality assurance will send out questionnaires, focus groups, ask students their experience, and we'll have a role in how they sample those focus groups (e.g., after class)
- We can and should have a big role in this

#### Two initiatives for this year

- Bylaws being updated – 2 years they updated them, but they aren't official, so we want to work on this
- Put forward a form start the process that defences happen in nice rooms
  - Tony will let Stu what the process is
  - Hopefully we as an association can choose from the list they choose from to decide which rooms should be used for defences (aka take out bad rooms)

#### Hockey tournament

- Applied to school spirit fund, application is in and we'll hear back in about a week, then planning process will get started

### Tyler

#### Workshop

- Met with library and academic writing centre
- First 60 minutes will be the library, ask people to bring a topic and then practice searching with Boolean operators
- Last 30 minutes will be with the academic writing centre and showing us the ins and outs of referencing
- Next Wednesday, November 13 is the workshop
- Next workshop is CV writing and networking, what else can we do?
- Exit survey asking what people want in the new semester – Tyler create one
- Erik create slides on how to work with word, if we don't use them we can put them up on the website
- They will give us slides to put on the website
- Pull names for the free winter semi-formal ticket after the workshop

### Nicole

#### Facebook events

- Can't send out invites through facebook with the HKGSA, but we can through our personal accounts, so we can send out invites to our friends

#### Emails

- Sending an email to the profs promoting the social this Friday, and sending an email about the winter formal tickets next week

#### Translation

- Send Lisa an email with a google doc and work on the English and French together

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- Need posters to be English and French, as well as social media posts
- Try out different ways you can post in French and English on social media

### Social Media

- Jenson on Instagram
  - Countdown to big events
  - Post consistently

### Olivia

#### Winter formal

- Umbrella bar at Dow's Lake
- Need to promote it everyone!
- Have a dj for the night
- Decide food later once we get better idea of numbers
- Doing tickets on Eventbrite
  - Email Olivia how many tickets they want, then etransfer the money to Erik or give cash to Olivia
  - Email [opast061@uottawa.ca](mailto:opast061@uottawa.ca)
- Aim for 150 tickets

#### Upcoming events

- SPS on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, come out
- Postponing prof-fee until the next semester

### Erik

#### AGM

- Went through budget, everything they're in the green except for conference funds which is in red
  - Before you could only get conference fund if it's RA but now you can if you have a TA
- Contract – guaranteed amount of money, not hours
  - Therefore, if you have corrector position you will work more hours than TA
  - If you have questions about contracts, ask Jenson
- Trying to re-negotiate contract with CUPE and school directly
  - Talking about pregnancy leave, entitled for 130 hour contract, and can take off 17 weeks before due date
  - Fighting against Bill C-124, Ontario government trying to cap salary workers to 1%?
    - If the government puts in the 1% thing, CUPE still wants to strike against this
    - If there will be a strike, it will be voted on in the winter semester
- Any concerns with CUPE email Erik and Jenson

#### Collective Bargaining Agreement

- It is on the CUPE website
- Jenson will go through document and create a “highlights” document
- Track your pay

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- Chrissy
  - Promote the different programs so we can talk to other programs and meet new people, network, see how we can help each other
  - Think about how we can promote our inter-disciplinary school (e.g., highlighting a lab or person in newsletters, highlight people on social media, promote it for socials)
- Klara
  - Workshop on how to write your thesis, what the structure of an introduction is, etc.

Executive council members talk with your general council members, can talk as a group next meeting