

BGSC Meeting Minutes – November 22 2013

Chair – Courtney

- No updates

Co-Chair/Secretary – Amanda

- No updates

SGPS Reps – Alex and Jared

- Tuition fee changes were discussed at the last meeting; talk about changing assessment from May to Sept to fit better with the budget
- Cohort tuition being considered, for 2 year programs it won't change over that period of time

Staff & Faculty Rep – James

- No meeting

Academic Coordinators – Deni & Desmond

- 32 respondents to the survey about Grad Student research day; not impressed with the overall response number and as such are still waiting
- Suggested James should let faculty know about this opportunity at the next S & F meeting; he agreed to do this
- March was the top response for month; pretty much everyone preferred the spring
- Plaque for grad teaching award – Desmond contacted the service today, will be presented at the Holiday Party

Grad Studies Committee Rep – Eric

- No meeting

Sports Coordinator – Jordan

- Most sports are over
- Dodgeball might have made the playoffs, considering sending email to dept to cheer them on if they did
- Volleyball team will be formed again in the winter

RTP Rep – Sarah

- CRC position changed to a field biologist position at QUBS
- Deadline for application in early Dec
- Sarah is allowed to be on this committee although we previously thought this was a conflict of interest because Shelley is on the committee. Sarah found out it is not a conflict of interest, but

it was disclosed and she will continue to serve on the committee unless someone else with equity training wants to

Treasurer – Leslie

- We have \$386 approx

PSAC Steward – Leslie

- The union is in the mobilization phase of collective bargaining and is bringing awareness to those students in the union
- Made it clear that we don't want them coming to us and instead we are having a group presentation for just us. Tentatively this will happen next Thursday at 10AM and will let us know what is involved with bargaining, what they want and why
- In a nutshell they are asking for an increase in wages to reflect the increase in living expenses. An increase in that doesn't mean a decrease in QGA.
- They want paid training for TA's
- They want to address paternity and maternity leave because currently you get nothing.
- With respect to undergrads as TA's there is a change in wording needed with respect to the collective agreement.

Social Coordinators – Danielle, Veronika

- Holiday Party is Sat Dec 7 6PM to 10PM
- Wallace Hall
- Sit down lasagna dinner and 1 drink ticket for \$15 students, \$20 staff and \$25 faculty
- Semiformal optional, decided to just not put a dress code on ticket/posters
- Alex will be Santa
- Planning gingerbread houses and other games
- Courtney will bring a camera for photos
- Send an email looking for volunteers
- Some talk of winter retreats or maybe curling