EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2012

Present: Dallas Hermanson, Colleen Clement, Pål Skar, Brian Pollick, Jon Potter

Regrets: Stacy Chappel

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am with Hermanson in the Chair.

TASKS ASSIGNED OR REASSIGNED AT THE MEETING

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TASK: Chappel will send information to the board regarding multiple meetings with Jim Dunston
TASK: Members of the board need to confirm a new meeting date over the Fall semester after reviewing class schedules.
TASK: Hermanson will add the strike contingency plan topic to the next GSS executive agenda
TASK: Hermanson will send an invitation to the new dean
TASK: Clement will add information regarding student tenancy to the GSS website
TASK: Hermanson will add GSS orientation message to the next meeting agenda
TASK: Hermanson will send invitations to Michelle, Brandy, and Stacy regarding the next executive board meeting August 15, 10:30-12:00.

STANDING ITEMS

AGENDA

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The Agenda was approved as presented

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

TASKS still outstanding or ongoing:

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COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATES

Finance committee reported no updates

Food and beverage committee reported no updates

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INTERNAL BUSINESS

GSS POLICY POSITION PAPER

M/S Hermanson/Skar

RESOLVED Pollick’s GSS Policy Position Paper on BOG representation will be submitted to the GRC for approval after discussion with Stacy Chappel about specific details.

CARRIED

Pollick stated he would discuss the paper with Stacy once she was back from vacation.
Clement stated that this paper would be great for helping graduate students to get a voice within the BOG.

Skar wants to see follow up action at the provincial level. Pollick agreed but stated that due to the time restrictions of the school year, we should only focus on the BOG.

HELPING ADVOCACY GROUPS

Skar noted that there needs to be more discussion around advocacy groups in September. Pollick suggested that the board needs to distinguish current and past relationships. Skar added that the GSS obligations to advocacy groups need to be clear (what does the GSS do/has done, what does the UVSS do?)

UNACKNOWLEDGED SOURCE

Clement was concerned that the GSS does not have adequate support systems for volunteering graduate students.

Jon mentioned that he would be working to help volunteers find support.

CUPE LETTERS TO TURPIN/MINISTER

Clement stated that the GSS changes to the letters helped them to be more strategic.

Pollick wanted to see better organization of the signators logos.

The board agreed that the letters were ready to be sent.

Pollick also mentioned that the GSS needs to prepare a strike contingency plan.

Skar wants to know more about how a job action could affect students and resources. Pollick agreed that we need more information.

TASK: Hermanson will add the strike contingency plan topic to the next GSS executive agenda

LUNCH WITH THE NEW GRAD DEAN

Pollick proposed that the lunch should be a formal meeting at his residence at 3pm on the 29th of August.

Hermanson/Skar/Potter/Clement all agreed on that time.

TASK: Hermanson will send an invitation to the new dean

STUDENT RESIDENCY

Potter has concerns about how the student residency policy was constructed. Pollick suggested that Potter should contact the new dean to discuss how departments can become cognizant of tenancy periods.
Clement added that the information regarding the tenancy agreement can be added to the GSS website.

Skar wants the GSS's role with student tenancy clarified on the website as well.

**TASK: Clement will add information regarding student tenancy to the GSS website**

**SEPTEMBER ORIENTATION**

The executive members agreed that there needs to be a simple message sent to all graduate students in September. Hermanson suggested that the board should discuss this message at the next meeting.

Pollick added that health and dental coverage specifics should be part of the message.

**TASK: Hermanson will add GSS orientation message to the next meeting agenda**

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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**NEXT MEETING**

The board would like to have Michelle Zakrison, Brandy Sistilli, and Stacy Chappel at the next meeting.

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Approved, Chair

Approved, Executive Director