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### **AGENDA 02-22-2019**

#### **AROUND THE CAMPUS**

- Bargaining Committee Survey
- Graduate Student Life Awards & Class Day Speaker

#### **BUSINESS**

- Chair Updates
  - Plans for each Committee this Spring
  - Upcoming events
- Discussion about Quality of Life Survey in March
- Feedback: EGSC Nastily Exhausting Wizarding Trivia
- Break into committees at the end of the meeting

#### **UPCOMING**

- EGSC Carleton Social- 02/22 Friday at 6-9 PM  
Tickets available at the door!
- EGSC Mel's Social with GSAS and SIPA – 02/27  
Wednesday at Mel's Burger 6-8PM. Tickets out!



# EGSC

Minutes of the Meeting (02/22/2019)

## I. Bargaining Committee Survey:

- Survey form given out to fill
- Anyone can attend the meetings
- Question: Is there a guarantee to get out in 5 years?
  - o The procedure of getting out depends on your PI.
- Q: If there's a problem with your PI, then what?
  - o There's a procedure to negotiate and resolve the situation by talking to someone respectable and your PI will listen to.
- Suggestion (By Brittany): There should be someone to advocate for the students in these matters.
- Bargaining rally is on Monday (March 25<sup>th</sup>) @ Low Library.

## II. Graduate Student Life Awards & Class Day Speaker:

- The announcements with respect to these have already been sent out
- The Life Award is given to someone who has very well contributed to Grad life. Usually 1 MS student and 1 PhD student
- Class Day Speaker is generally a PhD speaker who represents SEAS well.

## III. Chair Updates:

- Treasurer:
  - o Working on the Professional Development scholarship
    - Planning to bring it out by March 1, keep it open for two weeks, and get out the results by 1<sup>st</sup> week of April
    - Apply and submit the required documents, the amount spent <\$1000 will be reimbursed
    - Last year, there were 35 applicants, and 5 winners.
  - o Planning to keep track for student groups
  - o Tracking the invoices after every event
- Interschool Chair:
  - o There's an interschool social on February 27<sup>th</sup> with SIPA, SEAS, and GSAS @ Mel's Burger from 6-8pm
  - o The Hackathon updates will be given soon.
- Social Chair:
  - o Harry potter trivia was a good event
  - o Carleton Social today @ 6 PM
    - Tickets available at the door
  - o Mid-Sem social to be on March 29<sup>th</sup>
  - o Boat Cruise to be on April 29<sup>th</sup>
  - o Another Carleton Social later in the semester.

- Career & Alumni Chair:
  - Headshots to be received sometime next week
    - GSA will email each timeslot's drive link for the photos
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> headshot session before the Spring break
  - Another event in mind is to have an Alumni Intern panel – What they did, Lesson learned?
  - Speaker to be invited to guide students for their career
  - Mock interviews/Simulated video interviews event planned helping students with internship/full-time job prep
  - There could be a small alumnus round table dinner later in the soon.
- Communications Chair:
  - The website to be live in the next week
  - Some DRs not volunteering at all, please volunteer to finish the volunteering hours
  - Attendance of all the DRs to the meetings is mandatory, keeping a track of it
  - Some DRs have not taken the alcohol training yet, it's mandatory for everyone to take them to help around with the Carleton Socials
  - Feedback on EGSC meetings food was taken
  - Suggestions on how to make the website better were taken.

#### IV. Quality of Life Survey (And VP Updates):

- The quality of life survey will remain the same and the application process will be changed
- To add the questions about the Union
- Survey is coming from the students and not the admin, purpose is to learn about the satisfaction of the students
- Talk about access to Tampons, Condoms, and Pads in Mudd's Women's washrooms
- Student opinion on Gender-neutral bathroom
- There will be give-away gifts to students to complete the survey
- Ideas for survey gifts?
  - Phone wallets, water bottles, decals, key chains
  - Big Prize could be the iPad/AirPods
- Other suggestions on how to get the survey completion by maximum people?
  - Post pictures on the Instagram and win!
  - Competition between departments
  - Tables around Carleton, spreading more word about the survey

#### V. Miscellaneous:

- Classrooms are crowded, we should raise this issue
- Also, the transportation can increase the range of the Columbia shuttles
- Double the number of shuttles?
  - That's an issue for the Senate we can raise to.