

HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
November 2013 MEETING AGENDA
1 November 2013 in AQ 6229

Start Time: 1:30 pm

Sukhjit

Khash

Liam

Andrea

Scott

Chris

Alice

Cory

Leah

Simone

Kathryn

1. Approval of November Agenda (1 min)
Motion: Chris
Second: Andrea
Passed unanimously
2. Approval of September Minutes (1 min)
Motion: Alice
Second: Chris
Passed unanimously
3. Representative Reports (32 min)
 - Chair: Leah Wiener (2 min)
* We need to schedule a meeting time, will address it later
 - Treasurer: Kathryn Hearn (2 min)
*we have \$900 for the year, will check trust account
*we should apply for caucus grants
 - TSSU Reps: Chris Dickert, Alice Huang, and Sarah Inglis (3 min)
 - nothing really new, still dealing with people not getting paid issues
 - membership survey, TSSU wants feedback as we head back to collective bargaining
 - Regarding Leave: Sick Leave: you're only responsible to tell your supervisor, and the chair, you aren't responsible for finding a sub
 - Research Leave: just need to find a replacement, don't need to pay someone to do so
 - GSS Rep: Joe Howard (3 min)-Absent
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 - GPC Rep: Sukhjit Chohan (3 min)

- * First meeting in October
 - *Talked about the SSHRC process, international students can't apply for SSHRC so advertising for Vanier and telling them before hand.
 - * SSHRC notification into the summer instead of in the fall so applications can start sooner
 - *External Examiners for PhDs: current practice is flying them in, but the \$600 cumulative funding for flying in E.E.s is not enough, change how we bring people in? Skype doesn't work, video conferencing is okay but need to evaluate the situation
 - * If we are going to fly them in, make them give a talk to get our money's worth, proposed by Dr. Pabel
 - *SSHRC/PD day- half-day on a Saturday
 - *On-going work to figure out how to get student colloquia off the ground? work in progress
- Department Rep: Liam O'Flaherty (5 min)
 - *Meeting Oct. 17
 - *What to do about future appointments => offer current sessionals tenure track? Or hire a new Canadianist to replace Little? Nothing resolved.
 - *Mentioned and how English and History TAs get paid more
 - *John Craig, FASS Dean was there to address what to do about future hiring => History is one of the more expensive departments, potentially because of TAs? It was brought up.
 - *Qualicum deadline: Nov. 22
 - *Allison: Suggested that faculty keep blogs, most faculty didn't want to.
 - *Elise Chenier: Pierre Burton bowling tournament to be held in January
- Working Environment Rep: Vacant – any volunteers to fill this position? (2 min)
 - *Leah: Does anyone want the position?
 - *Cory: what does it entail?
 - *No money, so not very effective.
 - * Kathryn: Looks good on the CV, could start keeping a list of things that need repair to address the issue of deferred maintenance, a huge push from GSS to address it. Getting MLAs in to see it, on Petter's agenda.
 - *Since no one wants it, but next meeting we can allocate time to discuss it next meeting.
- Communications Officer: Simone Hanebaum (2 min)
 - * Nothing, should talk to Allison about what to do with the communications board, I know Joseph had ideas, may want to build on it to make things prettier and more organized in the hall.
 - *Talk to Allison about graduate research profiles, Facebook presence?
- Events Committee: Simone Hanebaum, Kathryn Hearn and Sarah Inglis (10 min)
 - o Pierre Burton Memorial Bowling Event -January

- Book Auction-Had a huge donation from Jay Taylor. We need a Thursday time slot.
 - * Next time slot is in January
 - *Need to find an alternative time, need to get faculty there to buy books.
 - *Traditionally a fundraiser for Qualicum, could use it to “top-up” Qualicum funds
 - *Left overs are in Cory’s office
 - *We can decide about money later
 - *Better to do it Early December or January?
 - *Leah: December is problematic because of exams, travel, etc.
 - *Early January may be best (general agreement among the caucus for this)
 - *We could have it for a general Qualicum fund, carry it forward?

- 4. Report from ad-hoc committee, formed last meeting, regarding graduate student opportunities to share work (5 min)
 - * Katie: should meet next week.
 - *Sukhjit: Neal and I are focusing on the PD side of things
 - *Katie: our committee is meeting to discuss colloquia and other formats of sharing work
 - *Meeting (tentatively) next Wednesday

- 5. Scheduling of monthly meetings for next semester (6 min)
 - Proposed dates/times: Monday, 10:30; Tuesday, 5:30; Thursday, 2:30
 - Can’t get Thursday due to departmental conflicts. These are times that no one is teaching.
 - Cory and Chris: Can’t do Tuesday nights
 - Monday morning (10:30) seems to be more possible.
 - General Consensus: Monday 10:30am is the easiest. Leah will schedule the whole semester, roughly monthly
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- 6. New Business/discussion of any issues arising from representative reports (up to 15 min)
 - * No new business

Motion to adjourn: Andrea

Seconded: Chris

Passed unanimously

End Time: 2:08pm

Appendix: Potential meeting times

All of these are times during which no history tutorials or graduate classes are scheduled

Time	Monday, 10:30	Tuesday, 5:30	Thursday, 2:30
Pros	- All first-year MA students will already be on campus	- At least 13 people will be on campus to TA - Potential for socials afterwards	- All HIST 806 students will be on campus; other events (colloquium, candidate seminar) mean people will already be here
Cons	- Will people come early for their day for a meeting?	- late in the day; some people may not stick around	- sandwiched tightly between tutorials for a couple of people