

EGSA Minutes
Monday, July 5, 2004

Attendees:

Cathi Shaw, Cher Hill, Ranela Almahasneh, Soheila Gholamazad, Hisako Hayashi, Karen Kurytnik, Karyn Audet, Iris Chen, Jana Milloy, Mark Weiler, Rob McTavish, Kristi Lauridsen, Thomas Falkenberg, Marela Dichupa

Minute Recorder: Cathi Shaw

Pizza Party July 7th

The party will commence at 2:30 in EDB 7600.

Program will proceed as follows:

Kelleen Toohey and Michael Ling will make a welcome speech/greeting
Hisako introduce EGSA members and talk about the role of the EGSA
Thomas will speak about upcoming colloquium series

“Getting to Know Each Other” Activity – Students will be given Bingo cards of differing colours and will be divided into groups according to colour (groups will be further divided as needed until we end up with small groups of 5 participants).

Jana offered to print up the Bingo sheets on coloured paper tomorrow.
Cher said she would do the questions for Bingo.

Group Discussion Questions: The groups will each ponder the following questions:

*****“What we thought”, “what it is”, “what it could be”?****

Out of this comes 3 (or more) priorities which the students write down on poster paper and we will post those around the room.

(Kristi will get pens & paper and leave them for Hisako.)

Michael Ling & Kelleen Toohey will reflect upon posters

Pizza arrive at 4:00.

Cher will make veggie trays (budget \$20)
Kristi will get napkins & order pizza

Kumari will get pop, chips & fruit tray (\$100)
Cathi desserts (\$20)

Email instructors who have classes on Wednesday evening and invite them to bring their students at 4:30.

Hisako suggested asking Chinese scholars to mingle and/or lead a discussion. But it was suggested that this event is to connect on/off-campus students rather than highlighting International students. Suggested instead use it for colloquium series.

Conference Funding

Kristi will meet with Hattie in September. Highlighted points that Hattie made in her memo, the main one being:

- Need to make sure if we go with the lottery that we are doing that in advance of the time when people are going to use the conference funding. Students must have minutes from EGSA meeting where their funding was approved when they go to SFSS.

EGSA used to do lottery system one semester at a time. Think about how the structure of that will work in the future. Let people know that we will be drawing a lottery. Also think about what we are going to do with the present semester.

Currently we have been using the allocation system.

Cher made a motion to allocate \$300 (plus any funds left after pizza party) from EGSA Core Funding to conference funding for the summer semester to be dispersed by lottery (\$100 for outside GVRD; \$50 for GVRD). Hisako 2nd. Motion passed. Motion amended from \$300 to \$200 due to financial miscalculation. Carried.

Motion proposed by Kristi, effective in Fall semester, that we will adopt a system of putting out calls for applications for conference funding at the end of the previous semester for the upcoming semester. To be allocated by lottery at the first EGSA of the upcoming semester. (\$100 for outside GVRD; \$50 for GVRD). 2nd Hisako. Motion passed.

Talked about the form and reporting back – was decided that students should provide some kind of written report of conferences to EGSA that could be posted on web site.

Kristi will include conference funding form with calls for applications that she sends to the educ-grad mailing list.

Computer CET

Peter in CET talked to Mark about software back up system for students (could be very useful for those doing thesis work, etc.) It was decided that we would raise issue again in the future along with future discussion on CET roles, etc. It was suggested that we have Peter (or someone) from CET present at one of our meetings. It was also suggested that we invite Peter for graduate student orientation in September.

Innovation & Improvement

Cathi will put links and other resources from this conference on the website.

Discussion about students attending such conferences commenced. Will discuss at September meeting the feasibility of speaking with the Dean about including graduate students at various conferences.

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Kristi & Hisako will draft a letter of thanks and investigate further. Inform the community.

Course Evaluations

Mark brought up issue student input into course evaluations. Thomas suggested that Mark request more time for graduate students to have explicit input in the process.

Fall Welcome Barbecue

Cher & Rob have generously offered to once again host the Welcome Barbecue. The date of September 19th was agreed upon. Cher will put a call out. Kristi & Hisako will talk about the barbecue at the orientation.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 8th at 3:30 was agreed upon for the next meeting.