

# Association of Graduate Planners – Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 3, 2011

In attendance: Erica Warsh, Rylan Graham, Matt Quick, Mark Ouseley, Ria Brown, Anthonia Ogundele, Hale Jones-Cox

1. Updates on last meeting's items
  - a. Intramurals: not everyone has paid yet; record: soccer 4-1, dodgeball 2-1 (with one forfeit)
  - b. AGP Website
    - i. Domain: Josh has contacted tech services to see about getting a domain name but hasn't heard back yet
    - ii. Prospective students: **Ria is working on it and will send Josh what is done so far**, with "coming soon" for other sections not yet done – this should be done asap since students will be starting to receive acceptance letters soon
  - c. Orientation swag (Ria for Tanya): **Tanya will talk to EGSA after Charity Ball**; WESEF funding deadline is likely next week, **Anthonia will let Tanya know for sure**
  - d. Social event (Hale, Ryan): Ideas for March social – karaoke, Kitchener Rangers hockey game, laser quest, pot luck after Monday class, another board games night, trivia night; St Patrick's Day – will plan something, may combine with another event or have this be the event for March
  - e. Snack'n'Learn (Erica): It went well but only about 8 people showed up – it's unlikely we'll do another one this term because people are really busy and likely won't show up but we'll plan one for early Fall semester; Erica needs to be reimbursed for the gift given to Mark Groulx (but it has to be replaced first); Mark's powerpoint presentation has been posted on the AGP website
  - f. Charity Ball (Matt): AGP has sold ~30 tickets, total sales are around 50; Matt will ask planning faculty at the meeting tomorrow; will also be selling after-dinner tickets for \$20
  - g. Constitutional reform position (Matt): No update
  - h. OPPI ideas: Matt asked for ideas for the conference in the fall related to healthy living, but nothing new yet
  - i. Ibbet Simpson donation/card (Mark): AGP has made the donation; Mark has a cheque for Tanya for the card she bought
  - j. Trivia (Erica, Rylan): Trivia will not continue this semester; Erica will keep the money that has been collected this term and add it to the pot for fall semester
  - k. Tour of EV3 (Ria for Tanya): Because staff and faculty are given priority for EV3 tours we likely won't be able to get one
  - l. Ryerson Social (Matt): It is proving difficult to organize an event with the Ryerson planners in Waterloo – the Summit Centre turned out to be too far away but **Matt will keep talking to them** to organize something

2. Dean's Council Meeting – Starbucks (Ria for Tanya):
  - a. Starbucks has been decided on as the best option from a corporate social responsibility perspective and in terms of minimizing competition with the ESS coffee shop
  - b. There were concerns raised again at the last Town Hall meeting about human rights issues related to the CEOs affiliations but there is essentially a trade-off to be made between the rights of the workers at coffee plantations (in terms of fair trade items) and downstream human rights issues with donations made by the CEO
  - c. The idea of a student referendum was suggested but since the members of the Dean's Council are elected by the student body to represent them this doesn't seem necessary – plus the ESS held a survey on student opinion of Starbucks and about 52% of students supported it (with 29% against and the rest indifferent)
3. Official AGP Stance on Starbucks (Ria for Tanya):
  - a. The AGP feels that as long as the administration continues to strive to make responsible decisions through an inclusive, participatory and transparent process, the decision that is made will be acceptable
  - b. Vote held on this stance: unanimous
4. WESEF reimbursement (Ria for Tanya, Matt):
  - a. Tanya purchased 2 shoe racks and 2 coat racks (1 each for the loud and quiet rooms) with WESEF funding and needs to be reimbursed – **Tanya should contact Ryan or give the receipts to Anthonia**
  - b. Funding was also approved for pictures frames: there will be a photo contest for pictures for the loud room

New item:

5. \$100,000 WESEF challenge (Anthonia): some ideas have been floated, including secure bike storage for EV3 (eg bike room with key access), parking spaces for Car Share; both of these would contribute LEED points to EV3

**Next meeting: Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm**

- *Agenda items should be sent to Ria and the agenda will be sent out on **Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>***