

## Association of Graduate Planners Meeting Agenda

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Attendees: Shireen Aslam, Spencer Andres, Kathy Szymczak, Will Van Hemessen, Samantha Vidger, Gavin Williamson, Daniel Hall, Sonya De Vellis

1. Budget for brown bag lunch
  - a. \$80 to be allocated to speakers' gifts (approximately \$20 each) – **Jae will be informed at the next AGP meeting**
2. Contacting faculty (Edie?)
  - a. Clarence approves of involving faculty in social events – he has suggested coffee or lunch meetings to engage students and faculty
  - b. Kathy suggested that since many faculty have families or do not live in Waterloo, we should incorporate them in more daytime, for trivia, or weekend events that can involve children, for example skating
  - c. Extend invitation out to department for trivia and Dooly's – **once confirmed with Rob and Jae, Spencer will ask Edie to send out an invitation email to faculty**
    - i. Moving forward, faculty invitations should be sent through Edie
    - ii. Joint events with EGSA – possibility for future discussion
3. Charity ball updates
  - a. Due to low attendance and high costs, EGSA suggested a pub crawl or other less elaborate event – general consensus was to look at other options, such as a “casino” night
  - b. Ideas for venues include the foyer in EV3 and the Clay and Glass museum
  - c. **Spencer and Kathy will meet with EGSA tomorrow to discuss next steps, booking a venue, and attracting corporate sponsors, and will provide an update at the next AGP meeting**
4. Planning journal/working paper
  - a. Clarence supports the idea, but we should consider continuity and future students – must attract interest from PhD students, as they are here the longest, and have to keep the momentum going
  - b. The School of Planning will implement a working paper series where students submit their work in progress
  - c. Next department meeting takes place on January 27<sup>th</sup> – **those who are interested can contact Shireen and possibly put together a proposal for the planning journal**
5. T-shirt designs - **Dan has collected some designs and more are coming in – he will continue to promote the idea during class announcements**
6. Pelee Island trip – Will is interested in organizing a trip during the Victoria Day weekend, but he has to reserve a cottage for approximately 15-20 people – **Will to look into booking deadlines and prices.**
7. Website profile photos completed! **Gavin will add the pictures to the website.**
8. Trophy for softball team – Matt to update AGP on if he has found a trophy. **I can send him an email.**
9. Next meeting Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 in the Grad House.