EGSS Minutes September 8th, 2015

Present: Jim, Stefan, Luna, Heather B., Glenda, Ian, Jessica C., Karen.
Regrets: Mike, Murdoch, Jessica R., Heather C., Britney.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
   - Jessica C., Karen
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
4. Business Arising from last meeting
5. EGSS Meetings – modified Roberts Rules of Order; notice of meetings; frequency; length; location; items for agenda
6. 2015-2016 EGSS Executive (over)
   - Missing positions include (a) Faculty Board Master’s Rep, (b) Graduate Studies and Research Master’s Rep, (c) Treasurer, (d) Part-Time Student Rep, and (e) Website and Communications
   - Heather and Britney moved from acting members as co-social reps to officially holding position together
   - Jim, Jessica C., Ian volunteer to be working group re updating/amending constitution, will set up time to meet, will talk to Chi about procedure, history, rationale
8. Role and mandate of EGSS; focus and goals for 2015-16; Glenda’s article
   - Role/Mandate includes advocacy for change, building inclusive environment, maintaining support systems already in place. We need to encourage people to be a part of events.
   - Focus/Goals include building better connections between EGSS, RBJSE, GSMP, putting together a newsletter (Jim)
9. Upcoming dates and events (New Grad. Student Welcome – Sept. 11th)
10. Financial Report (Karen) & requests for funding
    - Need to establish consistent system for evaluating requests for funding. Will fall under working group responsibilities.
11. Social Events – Proposed Wine Tasting at Fort Henry, other
    - Ice cream social and sports (Sept. 17)
    - Holiday event at Grizzly Grill (Dec.)
    - Wine tasting (Sept. 25)
12. Updates – Rosa Bruno-Jofre Symposium in Education; Graduate Mentoring Program (Ian)
    - RBJSE set for February 24-25th, will have focus on knowledge mobilization and more posters
    - GSMP meet-and-greet planned for Sept. 10th
13. Faculty website (update, including pics), social media
    - Website and Communications can take this on, wait for new exec
14. Update: Online Graduate Programs (GDPI & PME)
• Growing in number of students
• Online students are not part of EGSS

15. PSAC – union for TAs, GTFs
• Rep. will attend Friday welcoming events

16. Other items for discussion
• Crowd funding for causes (e.g., Syrian refugees)

17. Next meeting date?
• Will doodle poll after new exec is set

18. Adjournment
• Stefan, Jess C.