

AGSIP Full Executive Meeting

January 13, 2015

Attendance: Katrina, Sara, Chloe, Jackie C., Layla, Jackie H., Irene, Anja, Tom, Rebekah, Sam, Joyce, Josh, Michael, Vanessa

Regrets: Kalee, Raegan, Lyndall, Emma, Haykaz, Jeff

1. Full AGSIP Meetings
 - a. We are supposed to be meeting more regularly, but this has not always happened. Will aim to meet approximately once per month this term.
2. E-mails from Staff
 - a. Eric: The department is trying to promote itself a lot more this year (Facebook page, feature stories). They want to have as many grad students as possible do a 1-2 min video on who they are, who they work with, their research area, and why they chose Queen's. This would be on the website, facebook, and youtube.
 - i. The idea is to generate interest among prospective students.
 - ii. Katrina will send an e-mail out to the listserv letting everyone know.
 - iii. If people have alternate ideas, Eric will likely be open to them as well.
 - b. Eric: The department puts out a newsletter every year, mostly for alumni. AGSIP has a section. He wants us to write a section of what we're up to and also asked for some mention of recent MSc and PhD students' successes. If anyone has had a recent success, let us know!
 - c. Open house: **March 6th**. Potluck during the day that AGSIP hosts – keep receipts in case department has funds to partially reimburse us. Any other events we want to do in the evening/s?
 - i. Social event in the evening (Friday night, after departmental dinners), like last year, is a nice idea. Could do it at someone's house (possibly Jackie C. or Layla) or could rent out the upstairs of the Griz or Ale or the Merchant – likely no cost as long as you spend a certain amount (at least for the Griz), but can look into it.
 - ii. Could do a casual dinner on the Thursday, people need to eat – grad club perhaps. Last year, very few people came to the Thursday evening movie/pizza event, but maybe people would be more interested in a casual dinner in the earlier evening.
3. Updates
 - a. Area Reps
 - i. **BBCS:** NTR. Thinking of getting BBCS people together for a start-of-term event.
 1. Biology Communication Series talks have started, anyone is welcome to attend.

- ii. **Clinical:** Based on a discussion at a recent clinical meeting, the reps are putting a survey together to find out about students' experiences communicating with supervisors, how they handle difficulties, whether they find that they are supported by people in the department, etc. Hoping to roll this survey out soon and work on it this semester.
 - iii. **Developmental:** not able to attend this meeting.
 - iv. **Neuroscience:** trying to let the psychology department know about upcoming neuroscience events, but it is tough because neuroscience students are not on the AGSIP listserv. Josh will see if a listserv system can be set up for neuroscience.
 - 1. Friday fights are happening most weeks and a Wednesday seminar series is underway - all of AGSIP is welcome to attend.
 - 2. Josh suggested having a joint talk twice a year or so organized by both psychology and neuroscience department – he will work on this this term and will aim to implement this possibly next year.
 - 3. **In general:** Neuroscience is part of AGSIP but they are not on the listserv. To include neuroscience people, we must e-mail the neuroscience admin person (Lucy) who will send it out to those students. We will explore whether we can make a secondary AGSIP listserv that includes neuroscience students.
 - b. **SGPS Rep (Michael):** At the December SGPS meeting, they discussed wanting to promote a new Student Advisor Program that is available to all students. Michael will send an e-mail about it to the AGSIP listserv as a resource for any concerns, including issues with supervisors.
 - c. **Departmental Meetings:** NTR.
 - d. **Graduate Committee Meetings:**
 - i. Asked about thesis formatting, on behalf of the students, and the committee unanimously felt that theses can be in any format (i.e., they do not need to be APA), as long as it is consistent and that your committee members are okay with it. This is relevant for students in areas where journals in their field are not typically APA (e.g., BBCS).
 - ii. Applying for teaching jobs before completing comprehensives → not encouraged, but not a hard rule. You can still apply to teach. They cannot enforce this rule because of the Collective Agreement.
 - e. **REB:** nothing to report.
 - f. **Webmaster:** NTR. Great job with the facebook page, Joyce!
 - g. **Social:** will be meeting tomorrow. NTR now.
4. Any events or ideas that anyone thinks AGSIP should/could be doing? Anything you want more of?
- a. People liked the housecrawl and pubcrawl.

