

AGSIP Meeting

July 3, 2014

Attendance: Katrina, Sara, Chloe, Sophie, Kalee, Jackie C., Jackie H., Rebecca

Regrets: Vanessa

1. Summer event

a. Ideas

- i. Casual grad club event... Trivia?
- ii. Suggest group going to a Kingston summer event? Kalee could look into what's going on in Kingston.
- iii. Pubcrawl

b. PUBCRAWL

- i. End of July – **July 24th**. People go away for weekends, so a Thursday would be good. And bars will be less packed.
- ii. AGSIP/social people can make t-shirts in advance.
- iii. Can have people pay for their own drinks, we pay for the t-shirts. Can start at a house first, give t-shirts, give them a first drink, then they buy their own drinks at the bars.
 1. Another idea was starting out by hanging out by the water. Starting out at a house is the winner.
- iv. Start at Sara's house (Skyline), 8pm? Work our way downtown. Some ideas:
 1. The brass
 2. Canteen (is Adam Heenan still playing??)
 3. The Spot?
 4. Merchant
 5. End with Tir Nan Nog karaoke?
- v. Jackie C. will send out a save the date e-mail.

2. Events for upcoming year

a. Wine and cheese

September 12 (or 19)

- i. Considering the house crawl is looking like it will be October 3rd, we will aim for wine and cheese on Sept 12th. Confirm if this is also the date of the department welcome potluck (would be good to have these on the same day).
- ii. Could make it semi-formal? Or save a semi-formal for a holiday party.
- iii. Wine, WINE, and cheese (i.e., vent session)? Could be awkward or get trash talky.
- iv. Ice-breaker?
 1. Kalee's suggested having people write down one or two unique things about themselves, then they get read out and people try to guess who is about what.

- v. Guac-off?? At this event or another... people who think they're really good at making guac bring it, blind food tasting and voting. Fun and inclusive for those who do not drink alcohol.

b. House crawl

October 3rd

- i. Mid-October, not a Halloween party.
- ii. Could give it a theme/dress up
- iii. Make sure it's not Thanksgiving weekend (October 13). Cannot be the October 17th weekend (developmental conference). Cannot be the 23rd (sexuality conference).
- iv. Some possible houses:
 1. Jackie C – Montreal & Princess
 2. Sara (skyline) – Brock & Division
 3. Jackie H – Rideau & Ordnance
 4. Kalee – Nelson & Johnson
 5. Katrina – Raglan & Montreal
 6. Sophie - Elm

c. Other General Ideas

- i. Halloween at Kalee's house! Unofficial AGSIP event...
- ii. Consider holiday party at Megalos or Delta... not too expensive. Fancy.
- iii. Colour war or Olympics day!! When it's nice out, team building... could do September.
- iv. For events in general, we should make it more explicit that people can bring friends/partners, try to encourage people to come even if they don't have many friends in psychology.

3. Structure for the upcoming year

- a. We will aim for regular meetings, every 2 weeks.
- b. Really want to turn things around, get our attendance up.
- c. Regular meetings will help us plan more events, promote more, plan fundraisers, and get to know each other well.
- d. When we get our schedules, we can arrange a regular time that will work for everyone every other week.

4. Arranging talks from people within the department

- a. There is not much cross-talk between the labs, people don't know what others are doing, limits collaborations and cohesiveness in the department.
- b. We're also supposed to try and collaborate with others for comprehensives, but don't really know what other labs do.
- c. Advertise it as cross-disciplinary. We can learn so much from other people's work.
- d. Can advertise it as an opportunity for people to practice talks before conferences for more than just their lab, get feedback from a broader audience.

- e. Pitch it to professors as well. Part of the draw would be seeing prof talks, but a mix of professors and grad students would work.
 - i. Can contact the profs directly to flatter them and ask if they're willing. Give them complete flexibility with what they want to present on. 15mins would work.
 - ii. Can start by asking our own supervisors, likely to say yes.
- f. Once or twice per month, with a grad club visit after.
 - i. Could do it in the same time slot as the colloquiums, on the "off" weeks.
- g. Could take turns bringing a snack or baked goods. Either a full potluck, or start with a few AGSIP members bringing the snacks.

5. Concerns about limited courses

- a. Is there a way to approach the department about this?
- b. Lots of profs spend a lot of time on research, so limits the amount that can teach.
- c. There have been discussions about more cross-departmental courses for overlapping topics (e.g., relationships).

6. Setting Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 9th, 4pm (Craine Lounge)

- a. Will discuss the upcoming pubcrawl 😊