

AGSIP Meeting Minutes

Date: September 23, 2019

Present: Alison, Erika, Sydney, Meghan, Kat, Mark

Regrets: Larah, Dan, Tina

Agenda

- Orientation Week
- Meeting with Caroline
- House Crawl

Orientation Week

- Tara said it went well, and the exec concurs. Lots of students came to events, and it seemed positively received.
- The boat cruise was especially well-liked.
 - Maybe next year, plan for appetizers beforehand – there's not much food on board, and it's a long ride!
- Larah or Tina will know how much we made from the Wine & Cheese.
 - Will get update for next meeting...but we're pretty sure we turned a profit! At the very least, we came close to our budget for food and drink.
- The Toucan dinner was not as well attended, but it could be because the incoming cohort had a stats assignment due the next day.
- Potluck was also a success!
- Thanks to the social committee for all their hard work on these events!

Meeting with Caroline

- Alison and Erika met with Caroline recently; she's the space officer in the department.
- The department is trying to find better ways to use space.
- Currently, the view is that the AGSIP lounge is not being used optimally.
- The department may have a budget for redesigning the space.
- May convert part of the lounge to a new conference room, and then get rid of the cubicles to add extra room there.
 - There would be some sort of system in place such that graduate students would have priority access to this conference room.
- Would still be work spaces in the lounge for students who need it, whether it be private workspace or a place to collaborate as a group.
- May also be a space for neuroimaging processing software.
- Making photocopier room smaller, which would also expand the lounge space.
- Long-term project with major renovations.
 - If there ends up not being a budget for it, the lounge will remain as is.

- Alison will make a survey to send to students to query any other changes they would like to see in an upgraded lounge.

House Crawl

- Homecoming is October 18th-20th (Friday-Sunday).
- Typically, AGSIP does a Homecoming House Crawl on the Friday of Homecoming weekend (October 18th), and will be doing so again this year.
- Usually have three or four houses, with a different coloured drink at each house to represent Queen's colours.
- First step is to think about who can host a house for the crawl, and what the order should be. Will ask throughout the next few weeks.
- This year's cohort is larger, so will need to keep that in mind when choosing houses to host.
 - Make the last house the biggest one.
- End the night at a bar, perhaps The Grizz.
- Will need to purchase tickets; prices TBD after talking to Dan, with pizza and non-drinking options.
- Social committee will send an email about the event within the next week.