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Financial Affairs Officer (Nikki Meadows), External Affairs Officer (Julien Ouellet), Academic Affairs Officer (Jennifer Murray), Internal Affairs Officer (Gesa), Member Services Officer (Brighita Lungu), Secretary-General (Juan Camilo Pinto)

2:10 PM Call to order

2:16 PM 1 Approval of the agenda

2:19 PM 1.1 Add Item:

EAO and IAO left at 6:00pm

2 2 Announcements

2:16 PM 2.1 Emily Yung brief

Emily Yung, the Mental Health McGill Coordinator (ex- PGSS Health Commissioner) would like to make a brief presentation on the project she is working on. She would like to get PGSS Exec Committee’s feedback and support on it.

Speaking rights granted to E. Yung. She gave a presentation about the Wellness McGill website and noted that there is a soft launch planned for October 11th, 2014.

2:17 PM 2.2 BoD Update

3 Discussion Items

2:17 PM 3.1 AAO updates

- committees: I need help recruiting people to all of our committees!

A discussion regarding committee recruitment ensued.
2:18 PM  **3.2 Senate update**

Update from AAO on Senate activities, including September Senate meeting, orientation, work with SSMU, preparation for October Senate, etc.

*Please see minutes from the meeting.*

Discussion ensued regarding how we can be more effective at Senate.

2:20 PM  **3.3 Discussion of library improvement initiatives**

Discuss library improvement initiatives (very exciting stuff!)

Discuss library feasibility study – they need 30 graduate students to advise in consultation process with architects.

*Need 30 grad students for major library overhaul. Will work to help bring grad students in.*

*Library Improvement Fund update, grad student space, etc.*

2:21 PM  **3.4 PGSLF Changes**

The SLC and SG have been working on a new administrative system for the PGSLF to make administration easier and more tailored for individual PGSAs. I want to present a proposal for APF that would also be incorporated into these changes.

*FAO explained the proposed change for the Post-Graduate Student Life Fund (PGSLF) regarding members of the Associate of Post-doctoral Fellows (APF).*

A discussion ensued.

2:25 PM  **3.5 PGSS support for ConsentMcGill campaign**

Given that the campaign will benefit the larger community of McGill, therefore PGSS members as well, our support would be not only welcomed, but a responsible and an admirable gesture. I propose we make this as smooth and quickly as possible given that the campaign is coming up very soon.

*MSO requested $100 be allocated to this project. FAO raised a concern that a budget is needed to to be able to allocate funds.*

*AAO asked for some info about how this will impact graduate students.*

*MSO will provide a budget and we will approve the dispersal via e-motion.*

2:27 PM  **3.6 TH #WarmUp project**

TH #WarmUp - proposal of attack plan. I would like to agree on a strategy that will allow this project to start this year, even this semester. The idea is to implement some of the awesome suggestions as soon as possible.
Discussion ensued about how to speed up this process.

We want to use the existing committee.

Discussion of what we want from the project. We want to make Thomson House a place where graduate students belong, a wonderful, more fantastic place! There’s not a lot we can do about some of the existing infrastructure.

Possible partnership with Fine Arts programs? Possibly showcasing some of the art in their space.

Wait until after brainstorming to decide on a budget, but we need to be frugal.

Going to announce brainstorming session to Council.

2:29 PM  Adjourned