Minutes for December 11, 2007

Meeting called: 5:04pm

Present: Ben Gross, Eileen Lam, Rickesh Kotecha, Kevin Lam, Jennifer Morawetz, Moksha Serrano, Allison Prole, Rajpreet Rai, Savoarn Nov, Matt Peter, Kellie Guzzo, Hans Mesker

Regrets: Philip Veenstra

1. Minutes from last meeting
   - approved

2. Concern over meeting procedures

Hans:
- asked people if they were ok with Robert’s Rules of Order at first meeting
- asked people to email him with agenda items
- asked for additional changes before the meeting
- votes should happen under new business
- vote process should be more formal for the sake of efficiency

Jen:
- frustration from class reps that reports/new business were split up, which meant that some people had to get up twice, made the meeting longer

Hans:
- according to the rules of order, votes/feedback should be under new business

Allison:
- felt frustrated at lack of flexibility

Hans:
- it was organized a specific way for the sake efficiency

Ben:
- perhaps officer reports can have old and new business together, both covered at the same time

Allison:
- can you add to reports at the meeting?

Ben/Hans:
- Yes, can add it at the beginning, before the meeting starts.

Allison:
-very impersonal to use numbers instead of names

Hans:
-numbers make it easier to keep track of people

Allison:
-goes against mandate of promoting community

Eileen:
-separation between executive and class reps creates hostility

Ben:
-should be distinction between roles, but we need to involve everyone
-need to balance community with efficiency

Hans:
-works better and faster if the meeting is better organized

Allison:
-names are important for encouraging class rep participation and encouraging community and cooperation
-having executive split up appears to create two tiers of executive (ie: President, Speaker, Secretary at front of room, rest of executive at the side)

Moksha:
-though we want efficiency, lack of identity creates alienation
-names would be more welcoming

Ben:
-reps can look up ours name, should know us
-name tags would be practical, and people could introduce themselves before they speak

Hans:
-cohort numbers help us keep track of how many reps are from each cohort for voting purposes
-names would add to the confusion, we just need to know their numbers for the purpose of keeping track of everyone

Matt:
-people should introduce themselves by name, as well as cohort number when they speak

Ben:
-we will ask for names, but only record their numbers

Kellie:
-do we need so many motions at the meetings?
Ben/Hans:
- there weren’t that many motions at the meeting
- people can bring up a motion if they’re looking for executive or class rep support

Jen:
- what about having the executive all sit together?

Allison:
- perhaps we could all sit in a circle

Hans:
- sitting in a circle doesn’t reflect the purpose of the meeting
- the point is not to get to know everyone, but to get information out efficiently

Allison:
- having a circle helps with our mandate of promoting community, and it is nice to have eye contact with people while they speak

Hans:
- not feasible given the set-up required in that room

Moksha:
- we could do it in a different room that doesn’t have desks to move around

Rickesh:
- we have spent too long on this, perhaps we should have a vote

Hans:
- feels his position is to run the meetings
- if the executive is going to decide how to run the meetings, feels the speaker’s position is irrelevant

Ben:
- we are all impacted by the meetings, but Hans has a specific position that helps with efficiency and structure

Jen:
- can we try a different format for one meeting?

Hans:
- we only have two more meetings, we need to get information out efficiently

Ben:
Motion: table this discussion
Motion: Ben   Second: Matt
Passed unanimously

3. Reports

President:
-nothing to report

Vice President:
-clothing sales forms and money due today

Speaker:
-nothing to report

Secretary:
-nothing to report

Sports:
Raptors Game:
-game on Wednesday, January 30
-168 people expressed interest, considering getting 200 tickets
-we can’t get a full section for 200, but can split into two sections and make the price the same
-concern that we will be financially responsible if we don’t sell all of the tickets
-decided we will purchase 170 tickets at $25 each, any extra money can go to sports budget or to a charity

Raj: Is it illegal to sell the ticket for more than face value?
Rickesh: The ticket is actually worth $30-$40, so we’re actually selling it for less
-Rickesh will check about the procedure for us to keep the extra money

Ben: for the first week of sales, they will only be open to OISE students, and after that we will open them to friends and family if necessary

Intramurals:
-we have 35 teams we will try to get
-the teams will either be balloted, or they will get in automatically if they previously placed well
-all teams will have to go through the STU and the Sports Reps
-Kellie will continue her role in September before passing it off to keep continuity

Eileen: How will you address OISE teams from last semester that placed well enough to get in automatically and will want to continue with only their own players?
Kellie: They can submit their own team, or open themselves up to everyone if they want to use STU money or OISE’s name

Events:
WinterFest:
-maybe we can have it the same week as the basketball game
-January is already busy with applications, maybe better to put it off until February
Jen: We could coordinate WinterFest with the OISE Grad Student’s Union
Equity
-Phil’s conference is no longer associated with the STU

External:
-will coordinate with the OISE Grad Student’s Union on WinterFest
-welcome back event with the GSU might not happen
-Food drive will be set up in the lobby during the Professional Preparation Conference, and the food bank will pick it up on Friday

Treasurer:
-applications for cohort money are available, have to be submitted two weeks in advance of the event

Media:
-exec needs to submit their bios for the website
-website will be redone over the holidays
-newsletter will also be done, and we can email submissions
-the newsletter will either be electronic or printed, and this will depend on budgeting
-STU info will now be included in the OISE welcome package in the summer
-there will be a link to the STU website from the OISE main site

4. New Business

Office hours:
-Jen: better to have consistent hours each week
-Ben: exec should email with availability of an hour or two per week
-Jen: lunch hours are best

Election System:
-Hans would like an election system with voting on ROSI
-is consulting with a Supreme Justice and a Senator on constitutional changes

Professional Preparation Conference:
-Amy Lobo would like people between 7:30-7:45 on Friday to help school boards set up their booths

Discussion Group Money Request:
-Amy Lobo requested $250 for funding for discussion groups aimed mostly at Initial Teacher Education candidates
-money would be used to provide refreshments at these meetings
-we have received no formal proposal

Motion:
We must receive the proposal in writing for the purposes of keeping track of the funds.
Motion: Moksha  Second: Jen
Passed unanimously
Motion:
All money from the STU must be requested with an application for accountability purposes.
Motion: Hans  Second: Moksha
Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned