GAIA Weekly Meeting Minutes

**Date: November 18, 2013**

**Location: Gaia Office**

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|  | **Attendance (Y/N )** |
| President: Nicole Moffett | Y |
| VP Uni Affairs: Emma Jia | Y |
| VP Finance: Amy Huang | Y |
| VP Communication Franco: Leo Ayotte | Y |
| VP Communication Anglo: Rosalind Ragetlie | Y |
| VP Social Affair Franco: Felix Mercure | N |
| VP Social Affairs Anglo: Levi Gautreau | Y |
| Secretary: Rebecca T.Doherty | Y |

1. Nicole: Just a reminder there is no meeting Wednesday, due to GIS day.
2. Green Week- Nicole: I met with sustainability to see what the plan was for this. They didn’t have an idea of what they wanted to do yet, so that is going to be difficult for us to plan. They gave us some ideas such as; movie night, a green volunteer fair, or a workshop on sustainability in everyday life. They are going to be holding a panel on sustainability in green economies – econ and science is providing a prof, they want to know if we can find geography prof to join the panel. If you can think about.
3. Nicole: GIS Day
   1. Food: Becca will confirm details with Adam about 1848, but the cake is ready.
   2. Nicole: Grad students have offered to pay for half the food, and probably help with drink tickets.
   3. Nicole: GIS day jobs
      1. Registration table: 8AM Felix and Amy - probably right outside 125 SMD, I’ll confirm with Wes and let everyone know by e-mail.
      2. Levi and Emma were going to put up posters, but the TA’s are going to do it instead, so you don’t have to do it anyways.
      3. Don’t worry about bake sale; Kate hasn’t said anything about it yet.
      4. Becca can you check with Adam what time we can start setting up, ideally 3:30.
      5. Also in the afternoon there are the workshop sessions, if we can each try and approach and get two people to go to each session. It all starts at 1PM in SMD 125, but there’s blocks for each session, take a look, they are posted on the fbook event page.
      6. If you’re around for 3PM, come look around at the poster show.
   4. Attire: If you could, business casual if possible.
   5. Attendance : Is anyone going to be missing for the whole day?
   6. Questions
      1. Amy: what do I do after the registration table?
         1. Nicole: Attend workshops that start at 1PM
      2. Ros: How many people do we have signed up for the morning workshop?
         1. Nicole: 14 as of now. I need full names, Leo can you send out an e-mail, and ask for this info from these people registered? Also put that info on the fbook page.
         2. Leo: Yes.
4. President updates –Nicole:
   1. I had a department meeting last week. It was low key, they went over the increasing numbers of sessional teaching courses. I am planning on brining up the issues with sessional at the next meeting since a 4th year student contacted me about a negative experience. There’s also a lot of professors contributing to administrating, so there’s a lot of reasons why the increasing number of sessional teachers.
      1. Uni is going to be increasing size of classes, and decreasing numbers – also thinking of not allowing non-geo students to attend. Some people aren’t as happy with this.
      2. They are transferring scheduling to be more automated – less 3-hour blocks.
      3. Looking at making 1/5th of courses hybrid in the future. Meaning a way of professors teaching less, more interactive learning. Saves money because they can save space.
      4. Admissions for grad studies are now a month earlier than normal.
      5. Getting rid of the Mgeg.
         1. Becca: I thought that was a great idea, was it not successful?
         2. Nicole: Apparently not, only one registered this semester. It’s just suspended for now.
      6. Crighton is looking for a proxy
      7. Physical geography program is under evaluation. Lacelle and Viau are on that committee – they will have more info for us as it goes on.
      8. They have suspended the sociology/geo program, as well as the gis major program.
         1. Leo: I don’t know what theyre saving by doing that.
         2. Ros: uottawa doesn’t offer courses by corespondance, so why are they trying to make these hybrid courses? It seems strange.
         3. Nicole: Next meeting I will have something to present on them on the issues students have.
   2. Muggy Mondays partnership: I met with steph about this. She says right now its fine that we don’t have fair trade. As long as were trying to figure out a way to get there. They are also re-assessing how to get theirs, so they will keep us in the loop about that.
      1. I’m going to send her a copy of our office hours, and she will have cards at the table on muggy Mondays that will direct people. Try and engage them in conversation when they come, spread the message of gaia. They will also give us a poster to put on our door. Does anyone have any suggestions?
         1. Emma: I think that’s good for now
   3. Green Umbrella Initiative : I met with keara on this, and for the recycle mania in February, she wants to know if we would be interested. I said probably yes, but we would discuss it after GIS day. We could also look into a list of classes where we thing CLS options in I think it would be a good addition for green umbrella.
5. Secretary update - Becca: no updates
6. VP Uni Affairs update - Emma:
   1. Have we figured that out the computer issue yet?
   2. Ros: not yet
   3. Emma: You can just talk to lissa, or paulina and they will fix it.
   4. Ros: It was Paulina who told me to call someone else. I will talk to Liisa again.
   5. Emma: I got an e-mail from conflict studies about the interdisciplinary panel (impact of violent conflict on environment). They want to collaborate with us, but pidsaa did too on natural resource management. They want to know if were interested in the event, and in collaborating.
      1. Nicole: do you have dates for it? For next meeting can you find out how many people they want us to find as well?
      2. Emma: ill touch base with them all, and we can talk about this next weeks meeting.
   6. I went to the constitution committee meeting: I brought up my 101 week commissioner issue, and now I’m on the committee.
7. VP Communications update
   1. Ros: Apparel – I will email you the new options he sent me so we can discuss.
      1. Nicole: I more so got feedback against the black color. I found another one, its grey/green salt pepper. On American apparel web site it’s called salt and pepper zip hoodie – brushed pepper vintage green.
      2. Ros: people would rather American apparel, due to better quality.
      3. Emma: I think we should go with the American apparel.
      4. Ros: I will e-mail him and let him know our changes. There are further issues…
         1. Plaid: what he suggests, that he has in stock, is what I e-mailed you. We all agree the white and black. What’s everyone’s idea on what ok for price?
            1. Nicole: I think anything over 30 would be too much. (most agreed)
         2. Bandu: The logo he sent me is a bit strange. I sent him feedback, so we will see what he sends back.
   2. Leo: Geo-olymp progress – 11 people have signed up. The deadline is the 25th, and our team is astro lab. I need to have a meeting, probably in 2 weeks with the people.
      1. Nicole: Once GIS day is over, lets switch gears on promo for this!
8. VP Social update - Levi: only problem, red cup green cup is also on our pub night.
   1. Emma: Its because they changed the date of it.
   2. Nicole: I guess we can’t do our pub night that night.
   3. Vote: keep it on nov 29: 5. Abstain : 2.
   4. We will be keeping our original date
   5. Pre-drink @ Emma’s
   6. After Party @ Leo
   7. Nicole: Ros and leo, can you get a poster and fbook group done by this weekend, that would be great. Don’t print the poster, just internet circulation would be good.
9. VP Finance update
   1. Amy: I’m writing cheques right now. Bring all receipts to me asap.
   2. Nicole: Can Levi or Felix contact bus company asap to get that invoice that we are still missing.
   3. Amy: I need to check the online account, but just a reminder to anyone who gets a check, please cash them as soon as possible so they show up in the correct audit period.
   4. How will we deal with splitting the money from gis day
      1. Nicole: I believe grads will just write us a cheque.
10. Questions/uncertainties/etc
11. Nicole: Varia
    1. Exec bonding (YAY).
       1. I was thinking pot luck, byob, hangout, then we can go out. I was thinking we should invite year reps. And also open it up to others to head to the bar with us. Where should we go out?
          1. Emma: can we just decide the night of?
          2. Nicole: lets try and pick so we can let people know ahead of time. Add your suggestions to the facebook group.
    2. Friday is Ipod battle, it will be fun if everyone wants to go!