GAIA Weekly Meeting Minutes

**Date: Wednesday September 25th**

**Location: SMD 038**

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

1. Welcome!
2. Attendance
3. Year Reps
	1. Presentations [in camera minutes]
	2. Vote
		1. Discussion: Hard time deciding, we like all them all. There are 4 jobs we think they could help with. Volunteers coordinator, mentor program, library development, and philanthropic. Distribute candidates across these roles as follows;
			1. Volunteer coordinator: Laura
			2. Mentor Program: Valerie, Chantal
			3. Library development: Kaitlyn, Alyssa
			4. Philanthropic: Ryan, Marco
		2. Vote: All in favour.
	3. Delegate
4. Office Hours: Nicole will bring scissors to the office. Mugs are 5$ each. T shirts are 10$.
5. Department meeting: Relevant things to gaia
	1. They want us to remember the env/geg Facebook page – as a way to promote to students. Ros: Is there a way to promote it on our page? Nicole: Yes, please copy the link onto ours. And if Leo and Ros could constantly check that page to check for jobs posted that we can then share on our page.
	2. Faculty is in financial turmoil due to lower enrolment. Looking at cutting programs: upcoming retreat where reps from each department to have a brainstorming session on cutting costs – likely classes. Geomatics program was an issue, discussions on how to solve this other than cutting. ENV studies program is also an issue because, the program was initially for policy-oriented focus, and since they don’t actually do that, and surveys show students don’t have specific knowledge, it has lost its value. Addressed the fact that fourth year courses are sub-par.
	3. Changed it so grad classes wont be held with less than 4 enrolled
	4. New undergrad computer space downstairs SMD – Room near jean’s office, new undergrad area.
	5. PHD enrolment down across
	6. New franco student enrolment fund
	7. One of the coop jobs, work study jobs, will be to compile a list of grad contacts to make a network.
	8. Want to have undergrad recruitment pizza party. Recruit them into grad program at uni.
	9. Grad recruitment fund – free lap tops maybe.
	10. Geomatics up for review. Big problem is the French side of the program, enrolment is almost non existent, but they can’t just have an English side.
	11. Cut courses: GEG3514 french biogo, GEG4716 french feminist geo, Cold regions Hydrology – Lacelle will try and swap it with his permafrost. Next month they will have a new proposal.
	12. Policy oriented issues – collaborative masters program for science of society through the issp institute which would draw in a post grad env studies student. Lots of dispute though.
	13. Positive note: Sonia said it will be mandatory for ENV students to go to field camp, which changes certain requirements. Also in order to cut courses, 5 4th year ENV courses will collapsed into one course and make it a selected topics.
		1. Leo: It’s already hard enough as a French student to complete in 3 years. Nicole will stress and suggest that there’s an issue with us paying the same amount as other programs, and we are receiving much less opportunities for class.
6. Class Presentations : All going well. Great job everyone.
7. Scholarship
	1. Continue brainstorming, to be discussed next week (limited time this week with year rep presentations). Will discuss next week.
8. Debrief on pub night : Big turn out. Probably biggest collective group.
	1. Next time, more time to put our more posters.
	2. Next pub night? November 22nd, or 24th.
9. President updates
	1. Meeting again with Wes soon, he’s looking at us to promote the social aspect.
	2. GIS Day : November 20th: Meeting again next week with Wes for more specifics. They might be looking for a new location. Felix: Maybe they could use FSS room? Nicole will mention it to him.
	3. PRT: Everything is good. Nicole will send info she has. Still waiting on computers.
10. Secretary update -Nothing
11. VP Uni Affairs update - Nothing
12. VP Communications update
	1. Apparel—to be further discussed next week. EVERYONE come to next weeks meeting with ideas. Emma suggests hats.
	2. Posters for upcoming events (apple picking
		1. Ros made a poster will send to Leo for corrections. Charles has offered to do some illustrations for posters. He will send Ros some drawings this weekend. Hopefully start promo by Sept 26th. Online promo – make it clear than ANYONE can attend, not just Geo students. There is a sign up sheet on gaia door, as well as online they can e-mail gaia.pres@artsuottawa.ca . First come first serve. We will have a list online we can each add to as people tell us they wanted to be added to list. Nicole will make the sign up sheets. Leo: Concern, if the bus is full and geo people cant get on it.
	3. Sign-up sheet for door of Gaia office for apple picking: Nicole will do this
	4. Re-promo pizza meet and greet
		1. People have probably forgotten it already. Keep promoting until next week. Its in Café Alt, Oct 3 : 6-8PM.
	5. Coffice hours promo
	6. Leo: will be providing monthly news letters. Will include apple picking, and office hours.
13. VP Social update
	1. SRT Tonight
	2. Plans from socials
	3. Upcoming:
		1. Meet and greet pizza night: October 3
			1. Set up: Emma, Levi, Ros, Becca, Amy. & Year Reps
			2. Tear down: Ros, Leo, Amy, Felix & Year Reps
		2. Apple picking: October 6
	4. Nocturnal night: November 22, Jan 24 – Mod night Nov 22, and then do nocturnal night next semester. History MA wanted to pair up for this.
	5. Felix: Email from Adelsa social, wants to know if we want to do a scavenger hunt this month. 26th, or the 5th. We wont have time, but will let them know we are interested in future events.
14. VP Finance update
	1. MRT: Amy’s audit is in 5 days. We need complete agreement. Update log book, write cheques for felix, for bus, and for herself.
		1. Felix: 225 for Bus. He will get an invoice for it. He will txt Amy to confirm $, and who the payee is.
	2. Budget suggestions
	3. Amy’s estimate suggestions
		1. Finance Estimate – 200$
		2. Communications: 300, actual 2316 (last year). Amy suggests 18 000 for this year. Leo suggests it should be more than 18000. Nicole is ok putting down 18000, we have to account for the money were getting back.
		3. Social: Last years estimate was 1400, we spend 2023. Amys not sure what is is… busses, events. SO she suggests 1500. Levi thinks it will be more like 2100. Wants to subsidise some tickets for Nocturnal night. So he thinks closer to 2200. Sean wants to see a breakdown of the social budget, **Levi will put this together.**
		4. Uni affairs – Doesn’t have a section atm. Emma wants to see what wine and cheese cost last year, also GIS day. Wine & Cheese: 800$, 150 for scholarship, 300 for GIS day. Emma wanted to see if we all want to put some money towards text books. Most agree this money should go to a scholarship, or text book raffle instead.
			1. Estimate suggestion is 1250.
		5. Right now budget is approximately 5500
		6. Misc: old estimate was 400, actual was 595.
			1. **VOTE: Nicole proposed, Ros Seconded. All in favour, None opposed.** Uni Affairs is a new section that will be added, was not there before.
			2. All agreed
	4. Amy and Nicole meeting
15. Questions/uncertainties/etc
16. Varia