**Minutes for October 29th 2012**

Attendance: Dan, Shannan, Emma, Chris, Arno, Britni

Regrets: Leo, Nicole

1. Welcome
2. Grad Halloween Bake Sale – Wednesday
   1. Grad student association will set up at the entrance of SMD
   2. Bake anything if you can!
   3. Chris will let us know what time it starts..
3. Social events
   1. Gatineau Park
      1. Happening this weekend
      2. Promo material went out last week
         1. Chris will print out posters and put them out around the building
         2. Chris will keep track of people who have registered
            1. There are 46 seats, 15 have signed up so far
         3. Meet at 11:45am in front of 90u
         4. Attending Exec
            1. Emma and Shannan are wating on their work schedule
            2. Leo, Nicole, Dan, Britni and Arno are going
         5. Leo will email everyone the day before
         6. Open to everyone
         7. Invite friends to the Facebook group
            1. Send message to everyone attending
         8. Final cost was $242.50
         9. Chris motions to spend $50 on snacks
            1. Fruit, granola bars, trail mix
            2. Pick up on Friday morning at 10am
         10. Drop off point at Champlain
             1. Shannan will email notice of new drop off spot
         11. Chris talked to Jenna/Bekah about asking participants to sign a waiver
             1. Chris will print them out and leave them in the office
         12. Chris will borrow first aid kits (fanny packs to use)
         13. Meet at 3:15pm at the drop off spot to come back
         14. Dan will photocopy maps for everyone
   2. Museum night
      1. Jack the history social asked us if we wanted to participate
      2. It is a free event
      3. If some exec members can go that would be great
      4. Meet in café alt at 5pm
      5. Emma is interested in going
      6. Help history promote
   3. GIS Day
      1. Wednesday the 14th
      2. Confirmed presenters (1 French, 3 English at the moment)
      3. Have no confirmed rooms yet
      4. Chris emailed SFUO for prizes, have not heard back
      5. GGSA, will give them $300
      6. Chris emailed sustainability for donation, have not heard back
      7. Volunteers
         1. Chris has received emails for volunteers from year reps
      8. Chris says to change Wine and Cheese name to GIS Social
         1. Maybe plan our own wine and cheese next semester
   4. Bar Night
      1. Carol Sinclair, President of Thespis, suggested collaborating on events
         1. They are doing one at the end of the semester
         2. Feelings on collaborating
            1. Shannan, thinks it’s a good idea, wants to take advantage of more people to rent new/different space

Poor house

* + - * 1. Chris asks if everyone likes the idea

Everyone is for the idea

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CC: Shannan/Dan to discuss details with Carol

* 1. Calendar events
     1. Dan is pondering ideas over planning for next semester
        1. Winter excursion?
     2. Chris suggests having one event a month

1. Gaia Newsletter
   1. Chris has officially received the student list
   2. Chris started the newsletter
      1. Send to Leo to translate
   3. Mainly about Gatineau Park and Museum Night
   4. If you have anything to add to the newsletter, email Chris
2. Year Reps
   1. We have seven year reps
   2. There is one Environmental Studies students
   3. 1 second year, 1 third year, 6 fourth years
   4. It would be nice to have 1 Geography and 1 Environmental per year
   5. Dan knows a third year geography student who is interested
      1. Email Chris with details
   6. Chris has sent out doodles for meeting with year reps
      1. Friday at 10am
      2. Chris will meet and go over their roles
      3. Inform them of the social events
   7. They can do class presentations for promo for events
   8. Will not invite year reps to meetings because there are so many
      1. Invite them to one meeting a month, rent a bigger board room, the first Monday of the month
3. Class Presentations
   1. Get into first year classes to talk to them
   2. Attached is lecture times of classes
   3. Promo and looking for Year Reps
   4. Chris and Emma will go to the Physical Geography class at 1pm
   5. Dan will go to the Human Geography tomorrow at 8:30am and French class
4. Departmental Meeting Update
   1. Chris and Britni attended
   2. Issues
      1. Retention
         1. Number of students dropping
         2. Switching out of geography after first year
         3. Asked us to have one big event per semester to bring together first years (Pizza lunch)
   3. 2 Scholarships for research opportunities to promo
      1. Undergraduate research scholarships
      2. If you know anyone interested, let them know
   4. Discussion about Geomatics Major
      1. They are contemplating getting rid of the major
      2. 12 people emitted into the program (ENG) and 2 (FR)
      3. The lowest program in the university
   5. Discussion about ENV
      1. The strongest program in our department
      2. Has the most students
      3. Talked about splitting up the ENV program (English and French)
   6. Big events for each semester for 1st years
5. BOD Update
   1. 101 Week Budget
      1. Revised
      2. Under budget
   2. Winter Arts Retreat
      1. Saturday January 12th 10am-5pm
      2. Workshops and training
      3. $5 per person
      4. Chris proposes GAIA will pay for exec
      5. Indoor and on campus
      6. Office tours will be the evening event
         1. Shot luck/Potluck
   3. Philanthropic round table
      1. November 13th at 2:30pm
      2. In the resource room beside the SAFA office
      3. Discussing toy drive, Movember
      4. Attend if interested
6. Apparel Update
   1. Consensus for Lapis Blue for sweaters
   2. Green t-shirt or Brown, may just stick with one colour depending on price
   3. Bilingual or ENG/FR
   4. Ask for GEG/ENV options
   5. Nicole will have prices soon
   6. Order exec apparel ASAP
7. Keys
   1. Britni owes $20 for keys
8. Website
   1. 192 hits on October 24th
9. Computer
   1. The computer in the office does not work
   2. Nicole and Chris have looked into buying a used computer
   3. Chris asks everyone for their thoughts
   4. Think about it and get back to it next week
10. Exec Bonding
    1. November 10th
    2. Chris or Emma can host
11. Other

First Year Course Schedule

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| GEG1301 A  (September 05 - December 05) | Lecture 1 | Monday 13:00 - 14:30 | MNT 203 | Denis Lacelle |
|  | Lecture 2 | Wednesday 11:30 - 13:00 | MNT 203 | Denis Lacelle |
| GEG1302 A  (September 05 - December 05) | Lecture 1 | Tuesday 08:30 - 10:00 | MRT 205 | Sonia Wesche |
|  | Lecture 2 | Friday 10:00 - 11:30 | MRT 205 | Sonia Wesche |
| GEG1702 A  (September 05 - December 05) | Lecture 1 | Tuesday 14:30 - 16:00 | TBT 070 | Huhua Cao |
|  | Lecture 2 | Friday 16:00 - 17:30 | TBT 070 | Huhua Cao |