York University  
CS GSA General Members Meeting Minutes  

November 13, 2007, 1:30 p.m., Room CSE3033  

Present: 17 CS Graduate students including 3 executive members (Edward, Mike, Anna)  

1. Voting on constitution changes  

Edward (CSGSA President) summarized changes and amendments to the CSGSA constitution.  

Darius proposed to make executive meetings open to general members (Section 4 of the constitution). All agreed.  

Members present all voted in favor of new constitution. Since the number of members present was less then \( \frac{n}{4}+1 \) an email will be distributed to the grad list giving everyone absent at the meeting a chance to vote for or against the new constitution and the acceptance of it will be based on that.  

2. Future events for the current year  

Marcin proposed to have a monthly pizza party. Edward advised that we don’t have sufficient funds for this and the funds that we do have would be better spent for a larger event such as a ski trip that is planned for winter term and another foosball tournament. We might have a monthly movie night if enough students would like to attend.  

Edward has invited all members to send suggestions for events they might like for consideration of CSGSA execs.  

3. York GSA update (Darius)  

Darius advised about unionization of RA’s that takes effect as of January 1st, 2008. There are three categories of RA’s:  

- A - research not related to thesis  
- B - research related to thesis in some way  
- C - don’t do actual research but are still called RA  

Only category A is under unit 3 and they will receive related health benefits and tuition refunds. Starting next term if you are only an RA and think you are in category A but don’t get the benefits because you’ve been designated as category B, talk to Darius.
Darius then talked about the new PhD completion times being imposed by FGS and what is being proposed by CUPE in the bargaining process.

He also talked about the bursary that has been taken away from graduate students this last Summer and what is being done to reinstate this financial assistance to those who can’t afford the tuition fees.

4. Other business

Edward has talked about the difference in funds for new students that started this September and previous students with representatives of CUPE and it is not illegal nor against the collective agreement. This issue will be addressed at the next bargaining meeting which takes place next April.

Edward advised all students to make sure that the amount of funds they get by the end of the year is the amount that was specified in their letter of acceptance.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.