Present: Edward Shen, Mike Liscombe, Nassim Nasser, Anna Topol

1. CSGSA Constitution

Anna will send an email to the gradlist about the ratification of the new constitution beginning December 2007.

2. Overview of the CUPE sponsored GMM that took place on Nov. 23, 2007

(Edward, Darius)

As of Nov. 26, 2007 PhD completion times proposed by FGS were shut down by the Senate. Instead the GPD will have to submit a student progress report at the end of the 4th year to the FGS. Funding for the extended completion time will be determined at the Department/Supervisor level.

Darius advised that a written guarantee should be added that these reports would not be used to punish students in absence of progress as per expected timeline.

3. Opening discussion with Chair about unequal funding (Edward)

Students are concerned about the inequity in pay between the incoming and existing students. As it is not against the collective agreement, there isn’t much we can do. Edward suggested that we start an online petition to equalize pay for everyone to the 2007 minimum. All agreed.

4. Lab/office sprucing up project

Not everyone has replied, Edward will re-send the email to the gradlist.

5. CUPE work-to-rule campaign

Part of this campaign was due to the PhD completion times, which is now resolved.

6. Upcoming events (Nassim)

Nassim advised about the ski packages for the Blue Mountain. She will send an email asking grad cs students who would go, and what weekend would be better to decide on a time that would be fitting for the most people.
Edward proposed to create a foosball tournament pyramid to be published in the grad lounge (CSE 3031) so that people/teams can challenge each other for a game to reach the top of the pyramid.

7. Other Business

No other business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.