



**International Development Graduate Student Association -
Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s en Développement international**

Monday, May 3rd, 2021 6:00-7:30pm

Le mardi 5 mai 2020 18:00-19:30

Via Zoom

Minutes - Executive Meeting (1)

Present - Présence

Georgina Alonso, Sejal Tiwari, Alisa GN, Khursheed Sadat, Morgane Rosier

Absent - Absence

None

Opening - Ouverture

Georgina opened the meeting at 6:02pm beginning with introductions of the Executive members

Approval of Agenda - Approbation de l'Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously.

1. Updates - Mises à jours

1.1 Introductions

- All members in attendance introduce themselves to the group including their level, role, background.

1.2. General Updates

- Transition documents are incoming, Georgina is working with the past-executive to receive all documents in due course. Georgina will meet with the department soon regarding the upcoming year, and will provide an overview at the next meeting.
- Alisa thanks Georgina on behalf of the 1st year PhD students for her leadership in the PhD community over the past year. Suggests the need for a more formal support to help new students transition. Added to new business for further discussion.

1.3. SCFP-CUPE 2626 (Khursheed)

- No updates at this time. There are always opportunities for paid work opportunities within the union.
- Reminder of Health and Dental fund up to \$500.

2. New Business - Nouveau point

2.1. Reminder to read mandate, transition notes, and connect with former person who held your position

- Georgina shared a link to the transition documents from the former executive
- Reminds the executives to read over the constitution and their respective mandate/responsibilities and to connect to the former member.

2.2. Plans for filling unfilled positions

- Proposal to appoint now AND hold elections to confirm in the Fall
 - Alisa moves this motion
 - Vote is held to confirm support of this motion. Motion is approved.
- Priority for Francophone students -
 - Rachel suggests Judith Lachance as MA Rep Franco, will reach out to

- determine interest
- GSAED we need a representative
- Academic and Professional Development Representative
 - Rachel suggests Eleanor Li
- Changes to the French language version, and the BIPOC Caucus of the Constitution will require a question as part of the election in the fall to confirm.

2.3 Ideas and visions for the year

- Support for incoming PhD students - Comps Event
 - including past Comp questions. Formalise a process to assist in transition and with Comps preparation. Comps this year are Aug 9-12th.
 - **Who:** Alisa (lead)
 - **When:** Send out resources once compiled, more structure For future students (next yr)
 - **Output:** Rachel will reorganize folder (Comprehensive exam resources) Meeting and Document Roadmap for new students, compiled information/past questions
- Rachel will look over the organizational structure
- Rachel will reach out to find out what our financial situation is for the year.
- Sej proposes a Scholarship workshop that is less confusing
 - Less stressful, More clear guidelines, More notice about research proposal date for funding that is different (late sept), work with a first yr rep for specific q's etc
 - **Who:** Sej (lead)
 - **When:** Early sept (pre-scary), post-scary with peer support/review
 - **Output:** zoom meeting (structure based on student input - Sej will reach out to MA students), tips and trips document (?)
- Mentorship Program was successful early last year - keep this going
- Humanize the grad school process
 - Alisa suggests that coffee chats give 24hr notice
- Continue Peer Study Group
 - Suggest evening, Rotating schedule of hosts, recurring calendar invite
 - **Who:** Khursheed will take lead and create a schedule for us to volunteer as hosts
 - **When:** Re-start in the Fall semester
 - Instead: 1/month hangouts, middle of the month, start in may-Aug (Rachel send doodle poll to all members)
- Meet & Greet / Welcome event with each cohort at beginning of the term
 - Opportunity to introduce, curate distribution lists
 - Maybe one big zoom room with breakout rooms for each cohort.
 - Could allow people to share contact info/socials in chat and provide transcript afterwards
- Brown bag lunch for students to present research
 - They are organized by Ruby Dagher, used to be once a month, now only 1-2 times per semester
 - Will continue but unsure of frequency
 - Inc. BIPOC Caucus will speak
 - We could try to do a more informal series for research presentations and feedback
- Workshop for CASID conference at end of the month on decolonising IDev Syllabus
 - Free attendance for members

- Hopefully lead to more consultation and a document of reading material etc
- We could organise an event of students about what decolonization means for them and what is missing from DVM materials that they want to see - discuss prelim material (fall)
- **Who:** Georgina (lead) Khursheed (support)
- **When:** First week of June
- **What:** Gerogina will send more information to the team
- Coop Check in event
 - **Who:** Rachel (lead) reach out to Cat if she would want to speak
 - **When:** July
 - **What:** Zoom meeting, presubmitted questions/focus points
- Blog
 - **Who:** Georgina, Khursheed, Morgane (editors)
- Conference funding for travel hasn't been reallocated to support conference attendance
 - Morgane sent information to Georgina
 - Georgina will reach out to Susan Spronk regarding this budget restriction to determine next steps

3. Next meeting date - Prochaine rencontre

- Rachel will send doodle for week of June 7th

Closure – Clôture

- Meeting closed at 7:45pm