

Gsan Meeting

Date: Oct 23/2017

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Thomson House

Updates

Rowan

- Has been putting together brochure for academic other resources in August--Rowan
- Setting up mentorship program
- Need to find space in MNI for keeping things--Sara is in charge of it
- Put meeting minutes on website --put financial and put it on website
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Social

- **Halloween party** is in collaboration with Psychology department.
- Psychology is in charge of venue but we are paying half of the liquor license
 - ❖ So far, there is a slight problem with liquor license
- We have the venue is till 11pm therefore we are advertising PGSS Halloween event.
- Halloween party will have games, costume contest and a baking contest
- We need volunteers to bring baked goods.
 - ❖ Volunteers for baked goods will have their tickets subsidized by half or more
- **Holiday party** venue is the Loft and it will cost about \$3700--4000
 - ❖ The Loft is good because we can bring our own alcohol

Future Event Ideas:

- ❖ Laser tag and hikes happening in November
- ❖ Social committee want to introduce more informal events that have a dependable, predictable time and space.
- ❖ Weekly hour to have pitcher, nachos, encourage people to hangout, talk, allow people to make friends, network-
- ❖ GSAN can't pay for everyone's drinks for above the event if it happened but we can afford a plate of nachos
- ❖ The weekly hangouts will wants to start in a week or week and half
- ❖ Monthly institute wine and cheese. This is a small gathering to encourage people from different institute's to come together and meet each other
- ❖ Wine and cheese Night with professors
- ❖ Speed dating where people present their work for 10 mins and allows people to collaborate

Finance

- We need more money.
- GSAN need to support some journal clubs

Fundraising

- Fundraising team want the exit report from last year.

- ❖ Rowan needs to share links for google docs of exit report
- About \$1000-2000 funds were raised throughout last year for GSAN
- Get Samosa sales going

Sports

- **Ultimate frisbee** with all IPN students already happening
- **Hiking** is happening in first week of November.
 - ❖ It will be 4 hour hike with two groups: a leisurely hike vs. long hike
 - ❖ Mont St. Hilarie
- Future sports event is **curling** for winter

Academic

- First **graphic design workshop** already occurred in Bell room.
 - ❖ It was full so need bigger room next workshop
- Second design workshop will happen in two weeks
- 3 minute thesis
 - Future Event Ideas:**
 - ❖ Programming workshops with student presenters
 - ❖ Workshops where people come with questions and other people help them- or presenter helps them
 - ❖ Joint workshop with philosophy and neuroscience event
 - ❖ Music in the brain

Wellbeing

- Peer supporters
- Active listening workshops
 - ❖ Active listening trainings for peer supports will start in two weeks
- Include wellbeing workshops in newsletter--have official training
 - Future Event Ideas:**
 - ❖ Have candid chat room where smaller group of students can meet and talk about listed topics.
 - ❖ Topics for the chat room/workshops includes loneliness in grad school and imposter syndrome
 - ❖ Speakers might also be invited
 - ❖ **Neuro art** and merge it with GSAN talent show
 - ❖ **Death cafe.** Purpose is to start talking about death in the Western world. To talk about issues like what's like to kill animals for a living
 - ❖ Monthly wellbeing workshops in a non-alcoholic space. The workshops will be capped at 14 people so that you can have a roundtable. It can be hosted in people's houses

Social media

- Using Wordpress for the website because it is free, easy to change and Squarespace is too expensive
- **We need a server so Rowan needs to check if we can get on the McGill server.**

- Another option for servers is bluenote
- People who want to advertise event will need to put it in the google doc---put recurring events in google form so social media knows to repeat it.
- Newsletters will be biweekly

Future Event ideas:

- ❖ Start posting on twitter, instagram and snapchat
- ❖ Introduce committee members to IPN students through newsletter or facebook page. Farin will do the photography and committee members will give a description about themselves and their work
- ❖ Humans of IPN where people in IPN are photographed doing interesting things. We can collaborate with Brain Reach
- ❖ IPN committee members need to put a picture and a blurb about themselves and what they are about for the website. Steve will invite people about
- ❖ Have a photography contest either work related where people display their work or personal and we can make a calendar out of the winning photography entry

International Students

- Emails of new and international students have been obtained.
- Orientation is 10th of January
- Talk to Zara about french conversations

Future Event ideas:

- ❖ campus tour or montreal tour
- ❖ Winter blues with Wellbeing officers
- ❖ Workshop on funding for international students
- ❖ Create a Brochure on ipn website for new students. Get it down to a page or two
- ❖ Create an internal calendar to prevent people from overlapping

Clothing Order

- First round of emails have been sent out and second one will be coming soon
- More advertisement on social media will start
- Currently there are 40 orders
- Deadline for clothing order is nov 3.
- It can be paid with cash and interac

PGSS

- Nomination for secretary general is open.
- All those who want to apply need to attend a mandatory meeting and get 50 signatures. More than 50 is better
- CAPS is developing mypath, a prograam that connects you with programs on campus and helps you figure what careers that suits your needs. Its supposed to launch early next year
- Legal information clinic are occuring
- Office of sustainability has lots of money and since their definition is broad and we can apply for funding there

- PGSS has been audited
- Sexual assault email has been sent out
- There is General meeting on 15 of November at 7pm
- PGSS need volunteers for Halloween party
- PGSS needs an environment commissioner. It is paid position of 3-6hrs a week for \$5000
- Need people for accessibility committee

Institute Representatives

- Douglas is having event called Research Bliss where people present their work.
- The event will occur on November 8 and it will have happy hour
- Is GSAN willing to contribute. Yes GSAN can pay for alcohol and Douglas will pay for liquor license
- Douglas reps could post a map of how to get to douglas on the website
- Institute Reps need to join facebook groups for Institute Reps
- Neuroblog--more information next meeting

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