

GSAN meeting (Oct 18th 2018)

Social team

- Halloween event Next Saturday (Sat 27th)
 - o Get tickets on eventbrite or pay Kim (\$8)
 - o Bellini at 7 – 11pm
 - o Thomson House (PGSS) event afterwards (can get tickets for both)
 - o Hosting contest – can win tickets for upcoming GSAN holiday party
 - Snack contest – make baked goods
 - Costume contest
 - Pumpkin contest – GSAN will provide pumpkin if ordered tomorrow, but deadline might be extended to Wed
 - o Tickets close Wednesday but may be extended
- Horror movie show streaming
 - o At Grandpre MNI
 - o Monday 29th
 - o Popcorn maker in kitchen, snacks, etc
 - o Movie not decided – documentary about sleep paralysis is scary
- Relaxons
 - o Friday at 6pm
 - o One of them will be boardgames night
- Trivia event
 - o Last one was successful, may host another in the next orientation (in Jan?)
- Some future event:
 - o Holiday party planning – details on venue etc, may be collaborating with PNGSS (?) like last time
 - o Latin dance – might be doing monthly or weekly lessons
 - o Hoppy hours might come back –
 - Will reps be leading it? Maybe social officers, planning in progress
 - Will be in November, give people more time to plan

PGSS Rep

- Weed is legal in Canada, coming up with campus policy
 - o Can bring views on that to PGSS
- Forming student society

Academic

- Successful trivia night, had Milestone 101 for degree (30 people came, lots of pizza was eaten), was also successful and will be doing again
- 3 minute thesis competition
 - o Call for abstracts is out now
 - o Submit 250 word abstract, evaluated by IPN
 - o 8 – 10 will be competing

- November 29th at the Grand Pre
- Money prizes \$\$\$
- Language classes
 - Started this week
 - Teachers have been contacted, lessons running smoothly
 - Registration still open and can be updated
 - Conversation café – people interested in leading, will be set up soon
 - Sarah (old lang class coordinator) – can be contacted
 - Language buddies – google form set up and can be matched on interest
- Workshop
 - Introduction to R, using illustrator
 - Let team know about interest and which ones should be put together
 - Meeting next week

External

- Clothing
 - Orders and money due soon
 - Reps help distributing – coordinate with Eviatar at Bellini
 - Buy GSAN clothing
 - Purchase receipts email sent out?
 - People can email and confirm when money was transferred and what was ordered
 - Eviatar has sizes and designs to try on at his office
 - To be posted/advertised on facebook page

Wellness

- Active listening workshop
 - Certified to be a peer support/listener
 - Training sessions at MNI and Douglas in early November – emails to be sent out
 - Certified peer supporters from last year – certificates will be sent soon
 - Might be good to have peer supporter/volunteers to write for neuro blog – post on social media/summary on the discussion from group
 - More discussion groups every month with different topic
 - Ex. imposter syndrome – get volunteers to facilitate discussion – to have more engagement from peer supporters
 - Meeting every semester for peer supporters
 - Put wellness people in touch with neuro bloggers
- Workshop/discussion group about loneliness in graduate school
 - Whoever wants to sign up

Sports

- Hike
 - Mont Royal sometime next weekend or in 2 weekends

- Collaborate with social team
- Future events
 - Cross country – can rent from McGill Outdoors Club/sports center
 - Half people running, half walking, Lululemon sponsorship last year

International

- Downtown campus tour or museum visit
- Winter 101 class? Prep them for winter
- ISS organizes similar events, may be coming up
- Next event is Buddy system
 - Send email to new Alex to know how many new students
 - Need meeting to organize buddy system
 - Match people up according to things other than institution
 - Send out email a month in advanced – for winter
 - November/December
- Maybe doing it combined with orientation or relaxons since people are already there
- Used coat sale? For international students to get winter coats
- Winter blues at ISS – might not be prepping students for winter but more of a social event

Fundraising/finance

- Huge influx of money
- Current budget: 21k
- Samosa sales soon
 - At Macintyre or bellini
 - Where will they grant permission, plan months in advanced

Institute Reps

- 5 posters max for ink and paper
- Prioritize where posters are put up- more effective locations
- MNI
 - Elevator always works but can't put it up there anymore
 - New policy: not on wall, only on poster board
 - Okay to have near lab space – but most people don't look at them anymore

Photographers

- Splitting up jobs for photography – especially with Halloween coming up
- Photographers always go in to events for free
- Halloween photo booth
 - Stay within theme
 - Any ideas of spooky props – let Kim know

President

- Spread events word of mouth for events to all friends

Communications

- Send out newsletter Monday through mailchimp
- Coordinate with photographers
- Instagram should be started again
- Google form for advertising from GSAN members to be on #general and pinned