

GEA Meeting Minutes  
Friday, September 21, 2018, JHB 719, from 5:00-6:30pm

1. Call to Order
  - a. Members in attendance: Stephanie Redekop
  - b. Karl Fritze
  - c. Sarah Cole
  - d. Dustin Batty
  - e. Kelly Whitehead
  - f. Aidan Selmer
  - g. Jake Morrow
  - h. Colleen McDonell
  - i. Graham Hassell
  - j. Alex Sarra-Davis
  - k. Sarah Howden
  - l. Emily Leahy
  - m. Apala Das
  - n. Maria Al-Raes
  - o. Chelsea Latremouille
  - p. Iona Lister
  - q. Zak Jones
  - r. Sean McPhail
  - s. Jasleen Singh
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Zak and Stephanie went through list of electable positions with descriptions
  - b. No questions
  - c. Emily motioned to approve, Alex seconded
  - d. Motion to approve passes
3. Approval of Minutes from 13 April 2018
  - a. Alex motioned to approve, Graham seconded
  - b. Motion to approve passed
4. General Announcements
  - a) First pub night of the year will follow meeting at 6:30pm at East of Brunswick
    - a. Pitchers will be bought! Or at least food
5. Reports
  - a) President's Report – Zak
    - a. Focus this year will be on student experience, getting people excited about the GEA
    - b. Inclusion and equity will be important to this year's exec
    - c. "Whatever you want to do, let's hear about it"

- d. Aidan motioned to approve the report, Dustin seconded, motion passed
- b) Vice-President's Report – Stephanie
  - a. Emily motioned to approve, Sarah seconded, motion passed
- c) Treasurer's Report – Apala
  - a. In good financial shape heading into the year
  - b. Apala reminded the group about cohort parties (cohort reps responsible for planning) and the Karma Yoga travel grant for conferences (need to plan fundraisers through social committee)
  - c. Sarah H motioned to approve, Emily seconded, motion passed
- d) Secretary's Report – Daniel
  - a. Thank you to everyone who has attended events so far (softball, sibling meet-and-greet, Hart House reception)
  - b. If you want to send something out on the listserv (reading group announcements, job possibilities, cohort events, lectures), get in touch – if it's related to the concerns of our members, we want to hear about it!
  - c. People who need to get on listserv: Graham, Iona, both Sarahs
  - d. Sean motioned to approve, Graham seconded, motion passed
- e) GSU Report: n/a
- f) CUPE Steward(s) Report – Zak
  - a. The focus for this year at CUPE will be on dividing up the increased funds won in the last round of bargaining – currently talking about a trans fund, mental health support, etc., but make sure to show up to have your voice heard re: how the money should be distributed – members will be receiving e-mails about meetings throughout the year

## 6. New Business: Elections!

Overview of election procedures: if only one person is running, vote will be done by show of hands; if more than one person is seeking a position, vote will be conducted by secret ballot

Looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- a) MA Representatives (1-2)
  - a. Aidan and Alex voted in UNANIMOUSLY
- b) MA CRW Rep
  - a. Jake voted in UNANIMOUSLY
- c) PhD 1, 2, 3, ABD Reps
  - a. PhD1: Kelly and Emily voted in IN A LANDSLIDE
  - b. PhD2: Chelsea voted in UNANIMOUSLY
  - c. PhD3: Alex Sarra-Davis voted in WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM
  - d. ABD: Sean voted in by GENERAL ACCLAMATION
- d) International Students Rep
  - a. None so far ☹️
- e) GSU Reps (1-3)
  - a. Karl voted in ON A TIDAL WAVE OF SUPPORT
- f) ACCUTE Rep
  - a. Sarah H voted in WITH MUCH APPLAUSE
- g) CUPE Steward

- a. Jake voted in TO EVERYONE'S GREAT SATISFACTION
  - h) Equity Rep
    - a. Request to be sent out over listserv
  - i) Conference Committee
    - a. Chelsea, Maria, Sarah C, Kelly, Emily, Dustin, Colleen, Graham, Alex Sarra-Davis and Jasleen voted in OH HECK YEAH
    - b. Bob McGill waiting to hear from committee for planning purposes
  - j) Social Committee
    - a. Sarah C, Graham, Zak, Sarah H and Kelly have volunteered IT'S GONNA BE GREAT
  - k) Welcoming Committee - TBD
  - l) Delegates to Graduate English Council
    - a. Friday, Nov. 16 1-3 pm
    - b. Cohort reps (MA, MACRW and PhD1) automatically invited
    - c. Colleen, Alex S-D, Sarah H, Iona, Graham
  - m) Delegates to English General Meeting
    - a. Reps automatically invited
7. Adjournment
- a. Emily motioned to adjourn, Sarah H seconded, motion passed