



**STEWARDS COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
5:30-6:30pm  
Grad Club, Second Floor**

**1. Roll Call**

Genevieve Warren (ENGL), Stephen Shepps (SOC), Miao Li (FR), Henry Ngo (PHSY), John Rose (GPHY, Chief Steward), Beesan Sarrouh (POL, Chief Steward), Hamid Falahati (ENG), Joel Roediger (PHYS)

Future Stewards, sitting in: Tara Forbes (ENGL), Mikhail Bjorge (HIST)

Chair: BS

Minutes: GW

**2. Quorum Check**

Quorum not made (8 members)

**3. Approve Agenda**

Motion: JR

Second: HN

Vote: Unanimous

Agenda Approved

**4. New Recording Secretary - Revisited**

Stephen Shepps volunteers until December, to be revisited at that time.

**5. Survey Revisions and Discussion**

JR: Survey has been revised, to be geared more towards bargaining. Things have also been condensed to a yes/no format, accompanied by text boxes for more qualitative responses. Feel free to look at it over the next week or so, to suggest further revisions. In a couple of weeks the survey will be presented to the 901 Local Executive,

SS: It was also discussed that the survey be implemented twice, in November and March, to gauge how things progress over the year, and to have twice the data. We also added a question regarding whether or not members are receiving adequate training.

JR: Two surveys will also account for members who are working different jobs in the fall and winter semesters. Hamid also noticed a good typo in the introduction to the survey, “sue” instead of “use.”

HN: The survey is currently set to accept only one response per IP address. This will be a problem. Also, is there a way to make it clear if a member is working for multiple courses?

JR: Good question, we’ll have to further discuss that idea. Again, please send criticism to either myself or Beesan.

## **6. Young Workers Summit**

BS: Attached to the email was a link re: Young Workers Summit, held in Toronto July 27-29<sup>th</sup>. A series of seminars, workshops, etc. designed to be applied to. Deadline has been passed, but applications are still being accepted. The application process involves an essay. Accommodations are provided at Ryerson.

HF: Can someone write the essay for me?

BS: The essay involves, basically, answering the question “why you want to go/what you’ll get out of going.”

BS: Is anyone interested?

HF: If someone will write the essay for me. I’m not good at writing essays.

BS: I’ll email the contact regarding the necessity of the essay.

SS: I am interested, but will have to check on if I can go. What’s Day?

BS: ASAP, they’re looking for people to come from our area.

HF: Then maybe I don’t need an essay.

## **7. New Business**

BS: Did we need to discuss anything else?

HN: We discussed having space in departments for notices. Physics has agreed to a small poster, located next to the mailboxes in the department.

SS: Do we have any activities planned to remind people we exist during this off-season?

JR: We just had a big strategy meeting, laying out everything we’d like to do, through next year.

SS: Do we have a bargaining team in place?

JR: Not yet. Once the paper form of our timeline is digitized, we'll aim to send it to the Stewards Council, so that the next meeting can be used to discuss how the Council can participate in implementation

BS: We'll try to get the digitized form out to the council in the next couple of weeks.

SS: I'd be glad to help digitize that.

JR: We're going to target orientation, and partner with SGPS for a number of events to get exposure. There will be monthly events.

SS: I felt like one of the biggest hurdles we faced last year was a lack of communication from the executive down. The more the council knows what's going on,

JR: Maybe we should be having meetings every two weeks next year. Actually, we should.

BS: We should.

JR: Any objections?

HN: Will having meetings every two weeks turn people away?

GW: Probably not, it may make people more comfortable attending/joining, because there's more flexibility.

HF: What about BBQs?

JR: Yes, we have a few of them planned.

SS: We should make a point of having Halal meats.

JR: So, a week

HF: Another part of New Business: there's a union drive for RAs to join PSAC. Will they be part of our local?

JR: They would form their own unit within our local. RA pay is interesting because their funding can still go through HR, but it isn't from the university budget. There are issues determining who the RAs' employer is.

ML: Is there a possibility for the union to offer future TAs/TFs assistance with Teaching Dossiers, pedagogy, and general job search abilities.

JR: That's an awesome idea. PSAC is just getting started with academics, so it'd be a great idea to.

MB: This may be something to externalize to the employer, and have them provide the service, thus saving the union a lot of time, money, and effort.

BS: Any other new business?

### **8. Next Meeting Time – TBD**

### **9. Adjournment**

Motion: HN

Seconded: ML

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned.