

KISS Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Present: Alex P, Skaidra, Krista, Mary, Erin, Ian, Natasha, Geoff, Sally, Arielle, Khoa, Elizabeth, Jamie, Cynthia, Shane, Alex T, Chelsea

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Check-Ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if you could have coffee with one person in any other program, what program would you pick?- systems design x5- philosophy- international development- global business digital art x3- math physics- dramatic arts- nanotech- astrophysics- computational mathematics x2- pure math x2- kinesiology- health informatics	
ESS Update (Jamie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- need cheque requests by Nov 26 latest- next term election nominations due Friday - need 10 nominations to run (every position available except VP internal) - forms are available online - last week of November is- hats will be sold between \$2-6, they'll be green and grey and say environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cynthia will do cheque requests
Communications (Ian)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- started competition yesterday - Ian tweeted a picture of a KISS exec head asking for their name and position- started hootsuite account - has scheduled tweets to go out in next couple weeks- KISS intel meeting tomorrow at 4 in the Studio- will start calendar	
Website (Alex T)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- working on optimising the database - columns may not be the best arrangement, so is working on other methods of organising data- should be able to launch at beginning of next semester	

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KISS Spiritwear (Chelsea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - t-shirts are \$18 and sweaters are \$17 - allocated \$30 to spiritwear - already using \$13 for those prices - will be sold at seminars and through Darlene - timing needs to be worked out with ESS, also Cynthia needs to be present - can book out cashbox for a week (or indefinitely) - everyone who has a KISS t-shirt should wear it at this week's seminar - orders will start Friday (will only collect orders with money) and close the last day of class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian will send it out in the email - Cynthia will take out cashbox
Cheque Refunds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - last day to submit receipts is 27th - if you won't have receipt ready by 27th, can allocate unspent funds to subsidising t-shirts - if you'll be buying things for last week, buy it ahead of time - we have to spend all the money so our budget doesn't get cut, so give us warning 	
#hashtagoftheweek		- #kissspiritwear
Events (Sally)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rock climbing this Friday! Melanie will be running it - 12 people are going, and nobody else can go (called and confirmed numbers) 	
Kinnovations (Shane)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meeting went really well, had 10 people - excited to work on conference, still thinking 	
UGSC (Geoff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discuss what minors will be happening - speaker who headed ELPE discussed changes - Integrative Design specialisation has been approved! Will be available in Fall. Currently named 'Applied Design Specialisation' though may be changed to 'Collaborative Design Specialisation' (requires: Integ 120, 121, 320, 321, 475AB, Creative Thinking and a planning course) - Any environment specialisation will be 8 courses, half of which must be not required - Darlene will send an email out once specialisation is confirmed --- some administrative work to be done 	
Special Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have really good support from Kim and Steve for alumni association - Marketing from faculty may fund the survey project - they know it's student-facilitated - communicating with other groups more - plan updates will be presented next week 	

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<p>Feds President (David Collins)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we love KI! - in the past year has realised that we need people who can facilitate campus conversations, so would like to recruit KI - is there a running project? - everyday I hear a variety of opinions, i.e. on psychological and environmental concerns, however nobody has been able to focus conversation in bipartisan way - there is no group of people that have been able to facilitate these conversations to get things done - people lose focus, more information is introduced, etc. - believes that KI students are well-equipped to handle the problems - so basically looking for a non-partisan consulting/facilitating group? - would be a great opportunity for students, also there would be some monetary value - would we consider starting a working group to discuss the issue? - doesn't want to micromanage - will let KI take the reign on how the conversations happen - what are the venues like? would it be for formal venues or online? - there is currently nothing in place, we just open up space to start forums - leaving it to KI students to decide how to run these conversations - how can we effectively take lots of information from many sources to make it something relevant? - what's the timeline like? - start as soon as possible, but when people feel comfortable or ready - have some research for a couple agenda items that Feds wants to get started on - need to determine if KISS wants to get involved, find a couple people to help - if there is financial opportunity involved, how would the facilitation group run (since KISS cannot receive money) ? - if KISS recommends someone, those people could make money - there is a positive response to the idea - what is the implementation? - there would be a group meeting calling interested stakeholders (for example one on orientation week in the summer) - but too much qualitative data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consider starting this facilitation committee

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - would rather do a focused approach with a facilitating group, which would still have large enough scope - nothing similar has been done on other Canadian campuses, so groundbreaking! - best course of action to proceed? - there is a lot of literature on facilitation that doesn't get covered in KI - this information would have to be shared - the project is very do-able, but we need to take initiative to educate our facilitators - see it a bit like a Toastmasters club, where the objective is to learn to become a better facilitator --- then Feds can take members from the club to facilitate specific meetings - we have knowledge (through Chelsea and Overlap) ; this club could be a great way to educate people about facilitation - acts as an agency) - should we initiate it as a sub-committee of KISS or as a Feds club? - as a committee of KISS we could get much more visibility, which would be wonderful - also opening up through KISS does not prevent non-KI students from participating - lots of campus courses - we will need to discuss this as a structural issue, since KISS has a lot of extra committees; how do we manage our 'projects' better? - look at Kinnovations and their conference - we also have a lot coming out of Special Projects - they would need to get incorporated in constitution - Skaidra and Alex will get back to David - could we bring KI students into a Feds committee instead? KISS shouldn't be running Feds open houses - we're only looking for the brainstorming and idea generation right now - David thinks this is a good way to help out with KI, and so he wants to get something on the ground before he leaves - He could run the initial sessions to get it started, and pass it back to KISS after to integrate it into bylaws - there is a definite need on campus - great first step is if David can write a design brief to present us the 'problem' - David will report back in 2 weeks 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could someone from Overlap/Chelsea train ASAP and then move into committee? 	
<p>QGM (Alex+Skaidra)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - purpose is to give directors chance to reflect on past and think about future ; do our roles make sense as they are? - currently no hierarchy, but there are lots of positions and lots of committees - we have a lot of overlap - most of our ideas are long term, as opposed to one year task - we need a constitutional revision - we need enough people to understand how the current structure works and present to vote for a new structure - we would like to present a lot of our ideas, like those from Special Projects, at this term's QGM to allow for constitutional review next term - we want to make sure that this is transparent, but we need to engage students in a fun way - we really want lots of people at QGM because we need enough people to contribute to the conversation about change - we want to make sure that the projects can continue, and are not hampered by the structure - we'll need to redefine structure, hierarchy, roles to reflect current state of KI - this QGM is a discussion, next QGM will be change (2 months to consider implementation) - we need to release agenda in a way that makes sense to people, and also so they can contribute to it - should we modify the slideshow to reflect understanding what the current structure is? i.e. Geoff would have to emphasise how what he is doing now is not traditional... we should stress how things are usually done and how they have changed - need the diagram on the slides to make it clear what the problems are - need to make it very clear that we aren't choosing a solution but rather that we are responding to problems - how should people respond to the changes? it may require a KISS retreat (open to anyone) to start fresh - definitely need to talk to the people who wrote the constitution before the QGM to determine process - 2 years ago Ian/Devin modified - we should give them some 'solutions' so they can consider the problem 	

