

Minutes for ADSA meeting on 9/5/13 beginning at 10:00 am
(reported by Jonathan Clemens, secretary)

1. Opening prayer by Ann Sirek
2. Membership
 - a. Introductions – All were introduced and explained their roles within the community and their research
 - b. Welcome to Lydia Peterson, DMin rep
 - c. Confirmation of Jon Clemens as secretary
 - d. Thanks to Jean-Pierre, outgoing ADC rep and 5th Executive
 - e. Openings on board: Executive Member-at-large and Pastoral rep
 - i. Kim volunteered for and was installed as the new Executive Member-at-large
 - ii. Becca volunteered her husband as a potential pastoral representative
 - f. Off-board openings: UTSU reo and Library Committee
 - i. With the new Ph.D. program, we will be represented by the Graduate Student Union
 - ii. Ann discussed her time on the library committee and the responsibilities involved. It meets 4 times a year. Jonathan stated that he has an M.L.S. and could possibly fill the role
3. Finances
 - a. Financial Update (Matt Eaton)
 - i. We have \$742.20 in our account, but we do not yet know our budget for the coming year.
 - ii. Since the conference went so well last year, there may be additional funds from TST for this year's conference.
 - b. BBQ expenses and details (Matt and Nick)
 - i. The BBQ will be held at Newman Center and prep will take place off-site so as to minimize the costs of one of their representatives needing to be present for the duration of our use.
4. Other Events
 - a. Circulate sign-up sheet
 - i. Sign-up sheet for events was circulated
 - b. Summarize proposed events for 2013 – 2014
 - i. Summary of seminars and activities – responsibilities will be sent by e-mail by Michael
 1. Academic Job Seminar
 2. Non-Academic Job Seminar
 3. Fall Pub Night
 4. First Year Lunch
 5. Staying Sane in Grad School Seminar
 6. Getting Published Seminar
 7. Conference
 8. AGM and Spring Pub Night

- c. Fall board meeting schedule quick poll
 - i. Results were mixed, but we will proceed tentatively on schedule that will be sent by e-mail by Michael
- 5. External Committees
 - a. Summer ADC report (Beth)
 - i. All colleges represented in visit from colleges to evaluate new Ph.D. program proposal
 - ii. All went well, but we could be more prepared in the future with questions for them
 - iii. New program approved by ADC
 - 1. Several professors raised concerns about the current Ph.D. students being “orphaned”
 - 2. Nick reported that the timeline for the new program is 4 years and expressed some concern at such a short term as well as noted that funding was not really discussed.
 - b. Upcoming meetings for ADC, Bible, History, and Theology reps
 - i. General check-in/reports
 - ii. College reps invited to share ADSA concerns with other committees that they are sitting on
- 6. Policy Changes
 - a. Any AD student may attend ADSA board meetings, and with the permission of the executive, speak to an agenda item. ADSA meetings shall be announced in advance through the mailing list, and agendas and minutes shall be posted online.
 - i. Students with concerns can be invited to meetings to voice their concerns in person.
 - b. ADSA travel bursaries shall not be given to winners of SSHRC, Canadian Graduate Scholarship, or any other combination of scholarships totaling \$20,000 or more. Also recipients of travel bursaries shall write a brief summary of their experiences to be posted online.
 - c. ADSA board members are not required to submit written reports for board meetings.
 - d. Because of the conference and our budget situation, no “Works and Wine” this year.
 - e. No communications officer will be hired or paid this year.
- 7. Communications
 - a. Mailing list
 - i. TST has a listserv but we are not allowed to use it for social events
 - ii. College reps could contact people through their school’s listserv
 - b. Website
 - i. There will be a WordPress site where we can post minutes and agendas for meetings
 - 1. These can go on Facebook too

- ii. Perhaps a link from TST to our page as there have been some communications issues in the past
 - iii. Nick recommended asking Jenn Neufeld for approval
 - c. Orientation
- 8. Other Business
 - a. Sign-up sheet (Michael)
 - i. Jon will take the lead on the academic job seminar
 - ii. Pub nights have not been as well attended as we had hoped
 - 1. Perhaps try a wine and cheese events on campus
 - 2. We will poll people on Facebook to find out if we determine a preference; Chris will take the lead on this
 - b. Changes to the handbook (Chris)
 - i. There is pressure on students to finish quickly, but it fails to take into account the fact that it is sometimes the professors hold up students by taking time in returning grades.
 - ii. Chris mentioned the expected timeline and Nick mentioned the new changes regarding SDFs.
 - iii. Michael suggested that perhaps part of the function of the website would be to explain changes like this to students and seek their feedback about such changes.
 - iv. Beth suggested that all changes to the handbook should be sent to students via e-mail by Jenn Neufeld.
 - v. It was also suggested that first year students be encouraged to read the handbook.
 - vi. Kim asked for clarification on tuition costs that were changed in 2011.
 - vii. Michael will send us the sign-up list via e-mail.
- 9. Closing Prayer by Mike Walker