

DDSA Meeting

November 2, 2009

Present: John Laugesen, Christa Austin, Andrew Carrothers, Nicole Wagner, Bruce Martin, Jeff McNally, Steve Way

1. Discussion of TA (RA in lieu of TA) Strike

John to draft letter to DDSA members advising that if they do nothing, they will not be paid... need to sign up and picket for strike pay or submit weekly form to continue TA duties.

General discussion amongst the group. Steve had attended the Sunday meeting.

2. Research Day – April – after exams and before comprehensives. Nicole has agreed to lead the planning for this day with help from the DDSA executive (and others)

- i. 8 to 10 presenters
- ii. Invite profs (generally well attendend)
- iii. Opportunity to practice presentation skills, get feedback

3. Social Events

- i. Monthly pub night – November 5, 2009
- ii. Possibly – Bulldogs game
- iii. mid December pot luck (not to interfere with the Dec 8, 2009 DeGroot pot luck)

4. Lunch and Learns – Christa to take the lead

- i. Teaching Day – CLL Centre for Leadership and learning have training modules
- ii. Local PhD alumni (topics such as job searches)

5. DDSA funding

John to meet monthly with B Detlor - after the release of the current month's meeting minutes

6. Committee Representation

- a. Faculty Business Meeting – John to confirm that Steve W. will do this
- b. Senate – Christa
- c. GCPC graduate curriculum policy committee – Akanksha
- d. GSA – FRC faculty representative council – Andrew

e. Union Steward – vacant.

7. Bruce martin tabled the idea of setting up a Research Pool

Formal process in which students get course credit (up to 3%) for participating in research. This provides a pool of research subjects that do not require cash payment. This pool is suitable for research in which a student sample population is appropriate.

Meeting Adjourned