**UTMAGS Meeting – January 18th, 2012**

*1. Networking night*

-9 reps; career centre giving us a blurb about each rep to present to people; but they were too busy to give us any information. Did not even provide names.

-see their list of rep names, and compare with our poll about which reps we requested

-GSK, MARS, S-Pasteur, etc. (including school board); 7 in total; list given to Audrey and Meet yesterday

-30 grad students signed up (including execs), 9 representatives

-Meet talked to Felicity last week: 2 budgets for QSS for Career centre; one of them = keeping fees the way they are (50$) for students; second = 10% increase (from 55.63 to 61.19$), to cover hiring one more person to do extra work

 🡪3% of grad students use career services, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS (MMI, MBioTech)

-services that Career centre should provide to Grad students:

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🡪Careers outside of academia, such as Environmental Consulting Groups

🡪Government

🡪Consulting groups (Biotech)

🡪Pharmaceutical companies (different divisions, such as Research Scientists, Marketing, etc)

 2. Job fair = corner for grad students

 3. Job postings for grad students, instead of just through department

 4. Job shadowing for grad students

-Meet will address these issues at the next QSS meeting (Jan. 20th)

-Meet will send us budgets as they become available

*2. Health counseling centre*

-Safe-talk: training session for students, increasing people’s awareness about suicide and connecting people with resources to treat these situations

 -to train TA’s to recognize the signs and symptoms of suicide

 -weekend training session, 1-5 pm on the 15th (Sunday)

 -mental health/disorder training session

-Meet will contact them with some vested interest in holding another session

*3. Strike/town hall*

-CUPE rejected the request

-if strike would happen: would start February 2nd

-Amy (from CUPE) is coming in Wed. Jan. 18th promoting the town hall tomorrow

-ask about the guaranteed funding package and relationship with CUPE

 🡪Meet with her tomorrow at 1pm, right after town hall

 🡪Audrey, Farheen, Meet? And other interested grad students

 🡪Audrey: ask Anna Reale to send out an email to all grads

*4. UPASS meeting*

-today, from 3-4pm

-KYLA: fill in for Meet at ECC executive meeting

-ISIC incorporation with UPASS = increase in administrative fees; depends on what % increase whether or not we agree

*5. Other events and updates*

-Skiing = early March; team buy deals; Matt = keeps tabs on this

-Laser Quest

-Paintball tickets left over

-Winter sports = start in February

-$3-4000.00 left for events and extra costs (including prizes for end of year grad research event)

-Brewery tour?

-GSU meeting next week

-April BBQ?

-Outdoor ice skating, at Nathan Philip’s Square; we pay for rental fee (1/2 paid by us)

-Interlab/intergroup grad student tournament; different sports, Olympics