

ESSU meeting minutes – October 6, 2005

In attendance:

George Patton, Mary Ann Berg, Sean Stevenson, Sandi Grad, Brant McDowell, Jerry Holmes, Cori Hughes, Cor Coe, Brian May

1. Christmas Party

Tarja send out an email with more information. A date and venue have been chosen. If you didn't receive the email let me know and I will send it out. The tickets go on sale tomorrow and won't be sold at the door so get them early for you and your significant other.

2. Photo contest

There will be a photo contest at the Christmas party. Brant McDowell will be in charge and will be sending out an email with more information.

3. Career fair in Surrey

Brian is looking for volunteers for November 8 from 6-8pm to give a presentation and hand out brochures. The school hasn't been determined yet but he may be able to work out transportation. Let Brian May know if you are interested.

4. Job site presentation

Brant is still looking for photos from job sites to put into an undergrad work place presentation. If you have any good photos from working in geology email them to Brant at bdmcdowe@sfu.ca.

***5. Departmental meeting from last Monday overview**

They will be sending out a proposal to increase course fees to go on international 406 trips. There is a possibility of writing in the calendar that the course fee could be \$500-\$3000 for 406 and making 406 optional. There will be an investigation into how much to increase fees for a per Km charge on the department vans.

6. Mary Ann Berg nominates Sean Stevenson to be forum rep, 2nded by Jerry Holmes. Everyone at the meeting has voted in favour. Mary Ann Berg resigns as forum rep.

ESSU Secretary and Minister of Information

* I would like to make a correction to the minutes for the minutes of the ESSU meeting of October 6.

Item 5, summary from the departmental meeting.

It was incorrectly stated that 406 may be made optional. 406 remains a mandatory course for the major program. It is not optional (unless of course students chose to take 416,

which is hydrogeology field school offered every second year). Regarding the course fees, the Department supported the motion to advance the paperwork to the Supplementary Course Fee committee requesting consideration of a change to the existing supplementary fee for EASC 406 (currently set at \$550). They will request that a range be put in the calendar (\$500-\$3000).

With regard to the per km milage cost on the department vans, the department is investigating the full cost operating the vans. Following that investigation the department will determine the appropriate cost, which may be higher or lower than the \$0.30/km currently in effect.

Mary Ann Berg
ESSU President