Doctoral Student Association Report to Faculty Council March 30, 2016

Activities of the Doctoral Student Association since February 4

PhD Research Days will be held April 20-21 and will be very full; participation is quite high. The DSA is secured Greig de Peuter as the Keynote Speaker for the event. Planning has been a work in progress at this point and a few meetings have been held to discuss the logistics of it.

“Forum Fridays” have been continuing. One took place on February 26th with Professor Kelly Lyons and Jeff Crelinsten on Non-Academic Post-PhD Career. Another is scheduled for March 23rd with Professors Patrick Keilty and Irina Mihalache on the Academic Job Market. A final, informal pseudo Forum Friday is scheduled for April 1st to discuss women in academia.

The DSA had lengthy discussions about the proposed and enacted cutbacks on the Doctoral Travel Fund. A letter was sent to Interim Dean Duff expressing concerns about lack of funding, particularly for Upper year Candidates who may have already used the allotted funds. A recently proposed deal by Interim Dean Duff was debated and accepted amongst DSA members.

A general DSA meeting was held February 9th. A variety of issues were discussed, and Ben Walsh’s place on the Space Allocation Committee was temporarily replaced by Rianka Singh who volunteered for the position.

Below is an up-to-date list of representatives.

President: Harrison Smith
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Space Allocation Committee representatives: Emily Maemura, Rianka Singh
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