



Civics Minutes, Feb. 5, 2014

Susanne Waldorf called meeting to order at 3:33pm.

Post-funding (post-residency) video update. Isolating sound from clips for rough cut. Need info for prezi part of presentation - ask Tom. What sort of background mood do we want? Rough cut viewing time? Link will be posted for viewing as well.

Get out the vote update. What is our role? How do we get out the vote and get people to watch the debates? Can we get a quick-reference question list for the candidates ready for Feb. 18 (Shadi will draft something). Should we offer free pizza, Derek will draft motion for pizza on Feb. 27. Will be sent out to course union presidents.

Susanne adjourned meeting at 4:54pm.

Update from discussion with CRO:

1. Pizza at the GSU pub on the last day of the election -

Natasha liked the idea, but wanted some time to consider the potential for clogging up the polling station before we move forward. The polls close at 4pm on Feb. 27th and the poll at the GSU will be right outside of the pub. Her concern was that we might create too much of a flurry around the pub door and make it more difficult for the poll clerk to do their job. She asked that we give her some time to think about it and talk to Michelle before moving forward with this idea. She floated some of her own ideas about giving out tickets for those who attend all the poll to come collect their pizza at some other location later on. . . I'm not sure what folks think of this.

2. Questions for the candidates -

She really liked the idea of asking the candidates specific questions and offered to look over the questions that we want to ask prior to sending them out to the candidates. She said we could post the answers on the elections webpage and suggested that we use a spreadsheet format with a certain word limit for each answer. That way the questions could be asked in a way that allows for more than a yes/no answer, but also doesn't overwhelm the voter with more info than they need. She really liked the idea of putting it in an easy to compare spreadsheet format.

I couldn't remember the timeline we set for this, but told her I would let you guys know to contact her with the questions at cro@utgsu.ca. She will need to vet the questions if they are going to be posted on the elections webpage.