**EGCC Meeting Dec 12**

Meeting called to order at 2:40pm

Attendees: Dmitri, Malhar, Davood, Cinnati, Shea, Mostafa, Roanne (late), Kurt (late).

Motion to Approve agenda: Davood, Roanne, approved.

Motion to Approve last meeting minutes: Kurt, Mustafa, approved.

TransformUS Report just out. Looking for feedback until end of January.

Dean arrived 2:05pm. Presented TransformUS report. Had discussion about report. Looking for feedback - Send your comments to Cinnati by Dec 31, 2013 – he will then send to Dean as the official EGCC feedback.

Report doesn’t talk about the quality of the program – it’s more about how well they align with the university goals. Ranked low may just need re-structuring. For example, combine physics and engineering shops.

Support document – lack of support for international students.

Grad secretaries will be moved into same room – to create a graduate student center.

Looks like PGD may go away… but it doesn’t really cost much since the courses are already offered. Dean will support a change of M.Eng.

Lack of solid funding for grad students.

New Website (EGCC) – Jan 6 is the date for launch.

Next Event – What to do? January – welcome back / orientation like event. Could look at getting sponsors. Bring industry in as sponsors. Dean would obviously like this, and its good way to network with industry.

Safety Day – Jan 8th – wed – first week we’re back. WHMIS, industry talks, etc, BHP. Cinnati mentions that not all grad students take WHMIS – just the lab safety course. You can go online after a session and take the test. Roanne did it through WSEP to get the WHMIS test and certificate.

Cinnati likes a tailored Grad student emails for advertising.

Next GSA Council Meeting – Dec 13 – transormUS presentation.

Cinnati meeting with Minister of Education regarding GRP for grad students. You can get money back right now as you go to school. Max 20k. Cinnati will talk about expanding this for grad degrees as well – and it you can do it for undergrad and grad.

Motion to adjourn – Davood. @ 3:16pm.