

Graduate Student Committee report to the CASCA Board May 2013

I. Current Membership of the Graduate Student Committee

The current members of the graduate student committee and their university affiliations are (in alphabetical order):

Hannah Broekhoven-Fiene, Secretary (University of Victoria)
Alexandre David-Uraz, Chair (Queen's University)
Ryan Goldsbury (University of British Columbia)
Sukhpreet Guram (University of Calgary)
Karen Lee-Waddell (Royal Military College)
Sarah Malek (Western University)
Aaron Maxwell (McMaster University)
Wayne Ngan (University of Toronto)
Samuel Tisi (University of Waterloo)

II. The 2013 Graduate Student Workshop and General Meeting

The 2013 Graduate Student Workshop will be held on Monday, May 27th. The theme of the workshop will be "How to get jobs and fellowships". It will include sessions on academic positions and tips on how to apply for various fellowships. It will also showcase presentations from professionals in a number of fields related to Astronomy/Physics, as well as an interactive CV building workshop. The GSC General Meeting will also be held on that day.

There is not much to report since last December, because there has been very little activity. However, we are hoping to change that by redynamizing the committee, and the upcoming general meeting should give us an opportunity for doing so. Among future plans, we would like to increase outreach opportunities for graduate students (e.g. blog, social media, video presentations) and build up resources for students across the country. This can be accomplished by expanding the committee (we hope to recruit new representatives during the week) as well as increased interactions with students from each university. The GSC has to be more visible and should become a staple for every Astronomy student in Canada. While this will certainly not happen overnight, this upcoming meeting will hopefully set up the first few steps toward that goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandre David-Uraz
Graduate Student Committee Chair
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