

RPIRG Minutes for August 21, 2008

Present: Erin, Charlotte, Travis and Glenna

- 1) Discussed funding Angela Scott
 - concerns were raised that it would not be fair, because we hadn't officially opened the next finding round
 - also discussed pros and cons of funding someone to go away to a conference (ie, what are they bringing back to our community?)
 - in the end, she did not show up to make a presentation, so it was a moot point.

- 2) Discussed Budget
 - need to work on policy
 - focus energy on policy first semester for sure (less emphasis on funding?)
 - idea to contact Dr. Lynn ? re helping us develop policy

- 3) Survey:
 - idea to create pilot survey for fall semester, administer real survey in winter semester. Possibly education project next year.

- 4) Charlotte's contract
 - start September 1st, 2008
 - *must discuss maternity/paternity leave, union, health/dental benefits

- 5) First year orientation: need someone to help set up, Wednesday at 3pm. (Glenna)

- 6) Hiring of Admin Coordinator
 - BIRT Charlotte will call potential candidates on Friday to set up interviews. BIFRT Interviews will be conducted by Charlotte and Glenna the following week.

- 7) Alternative Welcome Week
 - Naomi Klein is coming Tuesday, September 23.
 - Discussed having other presentations Monday and Wednesday
 - BIRT Charlotte will contact interested community members and student groups to set up times for their presentations.

- 8) Discussed possibility of having Welcome Back article in the Carillon

- 9) Discussed letter from Nova Scotia PIRG
 - their University Admin **or Students Union?**