RUSS Departmental Report – 22/01/16

* We held a welcome back dinner at “La Caverne Russe” on Thursday, which turned out to be a great success and allowed members of the faculty to better get to know one another.
* We are also planning an upcoming ice skating trip, and are in discussions with the McGill Russian-Speakers Association (RSA) over collaborating during International Week (I-Week) to promote Russian culture
* In terms of fundraising, we have upcoming Samosa sales to raise money for the department
* We are trying to organise alongside CLASHA funding to replace the current sofas in the Language Lounge in Sherbrooke 688, because the current ones are fairly destroyed and even difficult to sit on!
* We have created a schedule for Russian film nights for the semester that will begin this upcoming week
* The Russian Help Desk has also opened with the aim to help students struggling with specific grammatical topics
* Our annual publication “Samizdat” is also currently collecting submissions, so we have been busy publicising that and setting a printing schedule up with the publishers