



Biology Graduate Caucus

Friday, May 1st, 2009, 3:30 pm

In attendance: Erica Jeffery, Andreas Steimel, Thomas Unsoeld, Isabelle Raymond, Jennifer Trowell, Alex Chubaty, Devin Arbuthnott, Muhammad Arshad, Annad Drake, Rian Dickson, Jerry Ericson

1. Welcome

a) Introductions/ Attendance

i) Erica requests all questions to be directed accordingly at the end of the meeting, with the limit of 3 minutes for questions.

b) Any additions to agenda? None

2. Claim meeting expenses.

3. Constitution amendments:

a) Out-of-date statements regarding the SFSS have been replaced with appropriate references to the GSS

i. Lines 34, 35, 45-46, 64, 106, 151, 226, 230, 232

- Erica motions the caucus to accept changes on the aforementioned lines in the constitution to replace out-dated references regarding the Biology Grad Caucus' relationship with the SFSS to be replaced with appropriate references to the GSS
- Second by Alex
- Motion carried

b) Creation of three new 'Events Committee Officer' positions

i. Lines 72-75, 93-95, 112-119

Lines 72-75: The three Events Committee Officers are included in the list of elected caucus officers

Lines 93-95: The duties of the three Events Committee Officers are "To share and distribute the events committee duties outlined by Article VI"

Lines 112-119: Definition of the Events committee: "The caucus shall have an Events Committee consisting of three officers who will share duties in a fair and equitable manner. The powers and duties of the events committee are limited to the following:

- 1) To assist one another in organizing and co-coordinating caucus events under the guidance and assistance of the Chair and Associate Chair;
- 2) To recruit and direct caucus volunteers who will assist with running these events
 - Erica motions the caucus to accept these amendments to lines 72-75, 93-95, 112-119 in the Biology Grad Caucus Constitution regarding formation of the Events Committee
 - Second by Jerry
 - Motion carried

c) Amendment of Chair and Associate Chair's duties to reflect creation of the Events Committee

i. Lines 83-84, and 90

Lines 83-85: "To oversee and co-coordinate the events organized by the Events Committee"

Line 90: The above duty is also included in the Associate Chair's duties

- Erica motions the caucus to accept the changes made on lines 83-85, and 90 in the Biology Grad Caucus Constitution that reflect changes to the duties of the Chair and Associate Chair as a result of the formation of the Events Committee.
- Second by Jerry
- Motion carried

d) Webmaster recognized as an official, elected officer of the Caucus

i. Lines 75 and 107-108 - Web master position/ duties

Lines 75 and 107-108: The Webmaster is recognized as an elected caucus officer, whose duties are "To update and maintain the caucus website"

- Erica motions the caucus to accept the changes made on lines 75 and 107-108 in the Biology Grad Caucus Constitution regarding position and duties of the Webmaster
- Second by Andreas
- Motion carried

e) Amendment of current electoral procedures in accordance with GSS regulations

i. Lines 152-215

- Changes to section VIII: Elections in old constitution

Lines 145, 149, 161-164

-Changes reflected in Sections IX: Elections of new constitution

Lines 160, 178-183, 188-189, 199-202

- Erica motions the caucus to accept the changes to lines 152-215, amending the current electoral procedures
- Second by Alex
- Motion carried

4. Elections

a) Erica motions that the caucus appoints Jerry Ericsson as the Electoral Officer. The Electoral officer will be responsible for ensuring that the process of electing new caucus executive members will be carried out according to the constitution in a fair and unbiased manner.

-Second by Alex

-Motion carried

b) Results of the present election will be in effect from close of AGM, May 1st, 2009 to April 30th, 2010.

- Voting will be done by secret ballot either by paper, electronic, or blind show of hands.
- There will be no proxy votes.
- Neither Chair nor Associate Chair can vote except in event of a tie.
- Single candidates must be elected, not acclaimed
- Win by majority of votes at quorum meeting (8 caucus members)
 - o Electoral procedure:
 - Position and standing nomination(s) announced
 - Request for further nominations for that position
 - Vote by secret ballot
 - Report and record results

c) Candidates elected for Biology Grad Caucus positions (May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010):

- a. Chair – Isabelle Raymond
- b. Associate Chair – Janey Lam
- c. Treasurer – unfilled
- d. Secretary – Juliana Yeung
- e. Events Committee Officers (3)

- i. Anna Drake
- ii. Justin Suraci
- iii. Brendan Connors

- f. Member at Large – Erica Jeffery
- g. Webmaster – Alex Chubaty
- h. GSS Rep – Thomas Unsoeld
- i. TSSU Steward – Mike Wogin
- j. Faculty Mole – Simon Goring
- k. DSC – Rian Dickson
- l. International Student’s Rep – Muhammad Arashad

d) Jerry motions to acclaim all candidates to their positions in the Biology Grad Caucus (May 1, 2009 - April 30, 2010)

- Seconded by Erica
- Motion carried

5. Reports from committees

a. GSS - Andreas Steimel

- Josh Newman is new president of GSS
- The fee increase to the graduate benefits plan to keep the same level of service was approved at 69%
- There is a car sharing program available for SFU students. It is quite affordable

b. TSSU - Mike Wogin

No news

c. Faculty Mole - Carson Keever

No news

d. DGSC - Jenn Sunday, Jeff Joy

No news

e. DSC - Sarah Jamieson, Lindsay Farrell

No news

f. International Students Rep - Muhammad Arashad

No news

6. Questions? no

7. Erica motions to adjourn the meeting

- Seconded by Erica
- Motion carried