



Biology Graduate Caucus

August 18th, 2010 - 3:30 to 4:30 PM, B9242

In Attendance: Brett Favaro, Stephanie Green, Holly Middleton, Matt Huntley, Alex Chubaty, Janey Lam, Samineh Deheshi, Shannon Squires, Jesse Taylor, Dhani Kalidasan, Emily Darling, Thomas Unsoeld, Jenn Sunday, HT Law

1. Welcome
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Additions to agenda
 - i. Travel grants and the claiming of
 - c. Claim meeting expenses

Motion to reimburse Stephanie Green \$8.16 [chips] from BISC Grad Caucus funds. Motioned - Alex, seconded - Samineh.	Carried
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2. Housekeeping
 - a. Reports from committees
 - i. DGSC – Jenn Sunday, Emily Darling
 - No business to report
 - ii. GSS – Thomas Unsoeld
 - talked about follow up of G20 summit, the GSS would like to see an independent review of security measures taken - general consensus was in agreement
 - discussion about defending student union rights as GSU of U of T was raided by police, a matter to look into - more info needed to make a decision
 - discussion about condemning G20 summit leaders about lack of consultation with public
 - letter to Ministry of Advanced Education for more funding as there have been funding cuts lately
 - when the GSS moves to Halpern Centre Sept or Oct, should the GSS support Bullfrog Power which helps companies developing renewable energy technology? - good idea but want to ask the representative more questions
 - privatization of student housing - GSS look into it? Consensus was yes
 - GSS sustainability committee asks for info about sustainability resources ie. movies
 - iii. TSSU – Brian LaBore

- Not present
- iv. Faculty Mole – Samineh Deheshi
 - Nothing to report
- v. DSC – Samantha Franks, Rian Dickson
 - Not present

3. Note the need for event committee officers

- brainstormed about how to attract officers for this year

4. Travel grant clarification - can only claim travel grants in the semester of question (can't postpone)

5. Welcome Party (Sept 9 2010) planning

a. Call for volunteers and division of duties

- volunteers for events
 - BBQ - Brett, Tyson?, Felix?
 - servers (serving it right) - Steph, Janey, Sam, Thomas
 - buy food
 - setup - Brett will coordinate

<p>Motion to request caucus funding for Welcome Party of \$200 for beer, food, nametags</p> <p>Motioned-Steph, seconded-Alex.</p>	<p>Carried</p>
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6. Form tentative schedule for year's events schedule – Sept 2010 to May 2011

- Welcome Party in Sept
- Terry Fox Run end of Sept (HT)
- Pumpkin Carving contest
- Writing workshops
 - roughly held in Nov, voted to pursue at next meeting
 - sub-committee formed to pursue before the next meeting
 - Grant info/writing?
 - Thesis writing workshop?
 - publishing demystified - senior students to junior students
 - stats oriented - ie. R workshop - possible funding opportunities from GSS
- Christmas Party in Dec
- Symposium in Feb?

7. Open questions

- Suggestion box for welcome party

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Motioned-Jenn, seconded-Alex.	Carried
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