



## 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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