



## Biology Graduate Caucus

December 8, 2010 – 3:30PM, B9242

Chair: Brett Favaro

Associate chair: Stephanie Green (absent)

**Attendance:** Brett Favaro, Matt Huntley, Nicole Gerbrandt, Emily Whattam, Jesse Taylor, Rob Greenland, Alex Chubaty, Erica Jeffery, Emily Darling, Dhani Kalidasan, Thomas Unsoeld, Samineh Deheshi, Jenn Sunday, Juliana Yeung

1. Welcome
  - a. No Additions to agenda
  - b. No meeting expenses
2. Grad hosted speaker –March 3
  - a. Kevin Gaston & James Brown – no. Invite sent out for choice #3.
  - b. Sub-committee volunteers – Nicole G, Dhani-finances, Steph, Juliana
    - i. Talk to Wendy about funding
    - ii. Book hotel room
  - c. Grad recruitment/symposium -
    - i. Sub-committee volunteers – Jenn, Dhani, Samineh
3. GSS funding
  - a. Deadline is in January. Attempt to put in three requests:
    - i. Publishing Workshop 2  
-possible joint applications with other Caucuses
    - ii. Grad hosted speaker
    - iii. Symposium
4. Decision about remaining caucus funds for December ~ \$177

Motion to Roll-over caucus funds of \$177 to January	
Motioned by Brett	Carried- unanimous
Seconded by Alex	

5. Reports from committees
  - a. GSS – Thomas Unsoeld
    - Referendum questions – not enough people voted to make the referendum binding
    - Thomas lists the Referendum questions and results – info was listed in GSS email
    - Discussion about whether Referendum results should be upheld

despite not having enough votes

- Satellite Campus Space Grants- concerns about not having grad space at satellite campuses – suggestion by GSS Space Committee to implement grants application process for caucuses at satellite campuses to apply for capital fund money in order to improve grad space and foster grad community at Surrey and Downtown campuses
- Gold Corp issue – SFU accepted \$10Mil in donations from mining giant and renames new school of Contemporary Arts into “The Goldcorp Centre for the Arts – GSS endorsed a letter decrying this decision - discussion that there should a policy on the books in regards to donors

b. TSSU – Brian LaBore  
-not present

c. Faculty Mole – Samineh Deheshi  
- no major developments as President was present and had general discussion with Faculty

d. DSC – Samantha Franks, Rian Dickson  
- reminder: undergraduate NSERC deadline is coming up

e. DGSC – Emily Darling  
-good progress on survival guide  
-discussion of a more transparent admission policy involving international students ie. Diplome program  
-discussion about declining investment into current grad students but more money going into recruiting

## 6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn	Carried
Motioned by Brett	
Seconded by Emily	