



Biology Graduate Caucus

January 19, 2011 – 3:30PM, B9242

Chair: Brett Favaro (absent)

Associate Chair: Stephanie Green

Attendance: Dhani Kalidasen, Chris Mull, Nicole Gerbrandt, Matt Huntley, Noel Swain, Simon Zappia, Emily Darling, Will Atlas, Cassandra Carroll, Juliana Yeung, Janey Lam, Samantha Franks, Samineh Deheshi, Sebastien Pardo, Alex Chubaty

1. Welcome

a. Additions to agenda

Reimburse Steph for meeting expenses (snacks) \$11.12	Carried-unanimous
Motioned by Steph	
Seconded by Juliana	

2. Housekeeping

a. Reports from committees

i. DGSC – Jenn Sunday, Emily Darling

-new student survival guide is updated and up online –

http://www.sfu.ca/biology/grad_caucus/Survival/survival.html

ii. GSS – Thomas Unsoeld

- Council voted in favour of adopting the results of the inquorate referendum for questions 1-6
- Council voted against adopting the results of the inquorate referendum for question 7 (60% voted yes)
- Call for nominations for an alternate bio rep for GSS position in case current rep is unable to attend – further details about position will be emailed soon
- GSS t-shirt design contest (Deadline: January 31st, 2011) – more details on GSS website

iii. TSSU – Brian LaBore

- not present

iv. Faculty Mole – Samineh Deheshi

- grad recruitment event fell through as not enough support, more organization for a possible event next year
- more recruitment ideas were discussed
- plans to ask Felix Breden to attend a future caucus meeting to discuss the event next year

v. DSC – Samantha Franks, Rian Dickson

- Dean of Grad studies revamping Provost Prize of Distinction (PPD) was discussed, slight tweaks to the letter to the Dean of Grad Studies
- Still sending letter about Graduate Fellowship concerns
- E-mail sent out for award deadlines coming up
- Formation of scholarship sub-committee - grad awards communication project, communicate scholarship opportunities on Feb 9 - 10am-12pm
- interested parties should email Sam (sfranks@sfu.ca) or Rian (rdd@sfu.ca)

3. Winter semester events calendar: Grad symposium/recruitment, Grad-hosted speaker, Publishing Workshop 2

Grad-hosted speaker & Symposium

- a speaker selection agreed – Don Mackay
- Dates of March 3-4th or 17-18th as most likely
- Decision on whether to combine symposium with grad-hosted speaker now that recruitment is not going on
- Juliana, Jenn, Janey, Dhani, Sam, Nicole, Steph on the sub-committee (if combined grad-hosted speaker and grad symposium)
- List of volunteers – Chris, Noel, Cassandra

Publishing Workshop 2

- Aprilish
- Steph, Emily D., Alex on sub-committee

4. Budget reviews for January GSS caucus grant applications

- grad-hosted speaker last year ~\$2300 so likely similar costs
- publishing ~\$680, go to department for ~\$100-200 and GSS (max 750) for ~\$200-300ish
- core account \$860, likely half will go to events
- extra money will be put into travel awards

5. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn	Carried-unanimous
Motioned by Steph	
Seconded by Janey	

Summary of people on various sub-committees

Grad hosted speaker/Grad symposium –

- Juliana
- Jenn
- Janey
- Dhani
- Samineh
- Nicole
- Steph

Volunteers to help

- Chris
- Noel
- Cassandra

Publishing Workshop 2

- Steph
- Emily
- Alex