



## Biology Graduate Caucus

June 15th, 2011 – 11:00AM, B9242

Chair: Jeanette Bruce

Associate chair: Natascia Tamburello (Absent)

Secretary: Matt (substituting for Elly)

In attendance: Jeanette Bryce, Doug Braun, Joel Harding, Jenny Linton, Noel Swain, Matt Huntley, Brian Labore, Sherri Elwell, Rob Greenland, Jesse Taylor, Carmen Sarnowski, Erica Jeffery, Alex Chubaty, Chris Mull

### 1. Welcome

- a. Additions to agenda - none

### 2. Treasury Update - Jenny

- Dhani has sent in report updating Jenny on treasury status
  - Trust funds are \$4045
  - Core funds are \$788.74

Motion to role unused additional funds into fall semester Motioned - Jenny Seconded - Rob	Carried- unanimous
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### 3. Fall welcome BBQ + orientation discussion – will be held on sept 8th

- a. The decision to reimburse events committee for BBQ (food + beverages) at a later meeting (aim to spend ~400)
  - Jeanette will talk to Barb and Brian about liquor license, maybe bypass the redtape associated with the caucus getting its own liquor license, as it's a departmental event. Hope to get on it soon as RCMP portion of liquor license takes 3 weeks
    - possibility of lunch bbq if it's a dry event with a social later on (if liquor license falls through)
    - Cassandra will deal with mentor-mentee details
    - Erica suggested a 'team building' event associated with grad orientation so grads can get to know each other – some people were concerned about organization and time constraints already associated with the orientation
      - possibility of having the team-building event around Halloween

Motion to request up to \$200 from the department for the orientation bbq Motioned - Alex Seconded - Jenny	Carried- unanimous
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Motion to use up to \$200 of core funds for the orientation bbq Motedioned - Alex Secodeded - Jenny	Carried- unanimous
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4. Biology caucus trust fund discussion

- a. Permanent projector for B9242 – Brett/Doug  
Doug- Brian Medford’s estimates : installation ~1000, Projector ~6000  
Brett and Doug will look into it as it can likely be done for less money: Aiming to spend ~2000 for all of it

- b. Biology t-shirts (design contest, quantities)

- Joel- call to submit ‘rough’ ideas before going outside
- enough people know people in graphic design to go to later with rough ideas
- guidelines discussed – generally kept pretty open for rough ideas
- quantity? 97 in a case – come in a dozen after that – can determine later
- deadline for contest – July 15 – Jeanette will send out email

5. Possible summer BBQ discussion

- Rob, Jesse and lab is interested and will organize
- reimbursement at august meeting

6. Committee updates

- a. DGSC

- b. TSSU – Brian

- TSSU entered into arbitration with university about interpretation of the wording for prep time in TA contracts. TSSU believes that hours can be used in any way that the TA feels they are contributing. University says 42 hours can be built into other activities, and instructor can decide where the hours can be used
- Brian called for TUG forms to be used informally

- c. Faculty Mole

- d. GSS – meeting rescheduled

- UPass referendum passed by a large margin
- Byelection in Sept, details in August meeting

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Motedioned - Jeanette Secodeded - Rob	Carried- unanimous
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August 24 - next meeting