

Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Meeting Agenda (draft until approved)

April 17th, 2013 – 3:30 to 4:30 PM, 7000 level lounge



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In Attendance: Lindsay Davidson (Chair), Amanda Kissel (Associate Chair), Emily McAuley (Secretary), Catherine Scott (TSSU Steward/Events Committee Officer), Sebastian Ibarra (Events Committee Officer), Tanya Stemberger (Events Committee Officer), Kyle Artelle (DSC Representative), Julie Wray (GSS Alternate), Janie Dubman (International Student Representative), Franz Simon (Webmaster), Lindsey Button (Member at Large), Mike Hrabard, Emily Helmer, Antonia Musso, Andrew Wylie, Matt Hepp, Brett Favaro, Jen Scholefield, Annie Ellison, Jesse Taylor, Rowan Trebilco, Matt Holl.

Absent: Corinna Lichota (Treasurer), Rob Greenland (GSS Representative), Mike Beakes (DGSC Representative), Jennifer Linton (Faculty Mole), Mohamed Sherriffdeen (TSSU Steward), Jay Brogan (TSSU Steward), Leslie Saunders (TSSU Steward).

1. **Welcome** – Meeting called to order by 3:31 pm by Lindsay.
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Additions to Agenda
 - i. None
 - c. Motion to approve minutes from last month's meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 20th, 2013 Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus meeting.

Moved by: Lindsey Button

Seconded by: Sebastian Ibarra

Decision: **motion carries unanimously**

2. **Reimbursements** – Lindsay

Motion to reimburse Corinna Lichota \$198.08 from the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Core Account for the lunch purchased from Nature's Garden for the Grad-Hosted Speaker (Nancy Baron) event.

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Franz Simon

Decision: **motion carries with 20 in favour, 2 abstentions (Lindsay Davidson, Amanda Kissel)**

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Motion to reimburse Corinna Lichota \$205.97 from the GSS Events Grant for appetizers at Club Ilia after Nancy Baron's symposium.

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Catherine Scott

Decision: **motion carries with 20 in favour, 2 abstentions (Lindsay Davidson, Amanda Kissel)**

Motion to reimburse Amanda Kissel \$382.89 from the GSS Events Grant for beverages at Club Ilia after Nancy Baron's symposium

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Jen Scholefield

Decision: **motion carries with 20 in favour, 2 abstentions (Lindsay Davidson, Amanda Kissel)**

Motion to reimburse Catherine Scott \$ 632.87 the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Trust Account for drinks purchased at the Highland Pub during the Biological Sciences Graduate Symposium.

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Jen Scholefield

Decision: **motion carries with 19 in favour, 3 abstentions (Lindsay Davidson, Amanda Kissel, Catherine Scott)**

Motion to reimburse Catherine Scott \$72.33 from the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Trust Account for poster supplies purchased for the Biological Sciences Graduate Symposium.

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Lindsey Button

Decision: **motion carries with 19 in favour, 3 abstentions (Lindsay Davidson, Amanda Kissel, Catherine Scott)**

Motion to reimburse Tanya Stemberger \$100 from the Dean of Science Grant for door prizes given away during the Biological Sciences Graduate Symposium

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Janie Dubman

Decision: **motion carries with 19 in favour, 3 abstentions (Lindsay Davidson, Amanda Kissel, Tanya Stemberger)**

Motion to reimburse Nancy Baron (the 2013 Biological Sciences Grad-Hosted Speaker) \$527.34 from the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Trust Account for her return flight from Santa Barbara, CA, USA to Vancouver, BC, Canada to speak at the Biological Sciences Grad-Hosted Speaker event.

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Catherine Scott

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Motion to reimburse Nancy Baron \$64.60 from the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Trust Account for taxi transportation from (\$36.00) and to (\$28.60) the Vancouver International Airport from her Vancouver place of stay to speak at the Biological Sciences Grad-Hosted Speaker event.

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Lindsey Button

Decision: **motion carries with 20 in favour, 2 abstentions (Lindsay Davidson, Amanda Kissel)**

Motion to reimburse Lindsay Davidson \$27.09 from the Biological Sciences Trust Account for a bottle of wine purchased as a thank-you gift for Grad-hosted speaker, Nancy Baron.

Moved by: Emily McAuley

Seconded by: Janie Dubman

Decision: **motion carries with 20 in favour and 2 abstentions (Lindsay Davidson, Amanda Kissel)**

3. Elections – Lindsay

a. The nominees for the 2013-2014 BISC Graduate Caucus executive are running unopposed for all positions and are as follows:

- Chair: Jen Schoefield
- Associate Chair: Chris Mull
- Events Committee Officer: Marlene Wagner
- Events Committee Officer: Matthew Hepp
- Events Committee Officer: Anne Ellison
- Treasurer: Evgenia Dubman
- Secretary: Emily Helmer
- Member at Large: Amanda Kissel
- Webmaster: David Hope
- Departmental Graduate Studies Committee (DGSC)
Representative: Mike Beakes
- DGSC Representative: Sarah Thomsen
- Departmental Scholarship Committee (DSC) Representative:
Kyle Artelle
- DSC Representative: Lindsay Davidson
- Faculty Mole: Rowan Trebilico
- Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) Steward: Catherine Scott
- TSSU Steward: Mohamed Sheriffdeen
- TSSU Steward: Antonia Musso
- TSSU Steward: Tim Forrester
- Graduate Student Society (GSS) Council Representative: Jesse Taylor
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Michael Hrabrar
- International Students Representative: Marinde Out

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Motion to approve the above listed students as the relevant acclaimed positions listed for the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus for the 2013-2014 academic term.

Moved by: Lindsay Davidson

Seconded by: Amanda Kissel

Decision: **motion carries with 15 in favour, 0 against and 7 abstentions**

4. Committee updates

- a. DGSC – Absent
- b. DSC – Nothing to report
- c. GSS – Jesse
 - i. New caucus funding model not discussed at the GSS meeting this month. To be discussed next month.
- d. TSSU – Nothing to report
- e. Faculty Mole - Absent

5. Adjournment – Lindsay

Motion to adjourn this April 17th, 2013 meeting of the Biological Sciences Graduate Student Caucus at 3:44 pm.

Moved by: Lindsay Davidson

Seconded by: Jesse Taylor

Decision: **motion carries unanimously**