

Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Meeting Agenda
September 18th, 2013 – 3:30 to 4:00 PM, 7000 level lounge



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In Attendance: Jen Scholefield (Chair), Chris Mull (Associate Chair), Janie Dubman (Treasurer), Marinde Out (International Students' Rep), Emily Helmer (Secretary), Annie Ellison (Events Committee Officer), Mike Beakes (DGSC Rep), Sarah Thomsen (DGSC Rep), Lindsay Davidson (Scholarship Committee Rep), Amanda Kissel (Member at Large), Tim Forrester (TSSU Steward), Matthew Hepp (Events Committee Officer), Lindsey Button, Franz Simon, Grant Olson, Paul MacDonald, Jeanette Bryce

Absent: Jesse Taylor (GSS Rep), Michael Hrabrar (GSS Rep), Rowan Treblico (Faculty Mole), Antonia Musso (TSSU Steward), Catherine Scott (TSSU Steward), Mohamed Sherifdeen (TSSU Steward), Kyle Artelle (Scholarship Committee Rep), Marlene Wagner (Events Committee Officer), David Hope (Webmaster)

1. Welcome

- a. Attendance
- b. Meeting called to order at 15:33 by Jen.
- c. Motion to approve minutes from last month's meeting

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

Moved by: Jen Scholefield

Seconded: Lindsey Button

Decision: **motion carries unanimously**

d. Additions to Agenda

- i. Welcome BBQ recap and Reimbursements

Motion to deposit \$760 into the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Trust Account from T-Shirt Sales.

Moved: Janie Dubman

Seconded: Mike Beakes

Decision: **motion carries unanimously**

Motion to reimburse Annie Ellison up to \$300 from the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Core Account for the Welcome Back BBQ.

Moved: Jen Scholefield

Seconded: Janie Dubman

Decision: **motion carries unanimously, 1 abstention (Annie Ellison)**

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Motion to reimburse Jen Scholefield for \$232.58 from the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Core Account for beverage costs at the Highland Pub for the Welcome BBQ.

Moved by: Matt Hepp

Seconded by: Lindsay Button

Decision: **motion carries unanimously, 1 abstention (Jen Scholefield)**

Motion to reimburse Antonia Musso for \$796.54 from the Biological Sciences Graduate Caucus Trust Account for T-shirts.

Moved: Jen Scholefield

Seconded: Lindsay Button

Decision: **motion carries unanimously, 1 abstention (Antonia Musso)**

e. T-shirts

- i. We had 150 t-shirts at the Welcome Back BBQ and sold 78. There are still a nice range of sizes and colours left. T-shirts will be available for purchase at monthly BISC Graduate Caucus meetings if anyone is interested.

f. Halloween Event

- i. Due to the success of last years pumpkin carving competition we will have another competition this year. The competition and a BBQ will be held on October 30th. We will have prizes such as gift certificates. We will also be holding a fall baking competition October 30th, the events committee is looking for volunteers to help.

g. Documentary Screening - Marinde & Jen

- i. The Last Ocean is an 88min long documentary about the sea in Antarctica and fishing related to the sushi industry. Having a panel discussion may be of interest, or possibly move a discussion to the pub afterwards. We will need to purchase a copy of the movie. The screening will be on a weekday evening, likely a Wednesday or Thursday. We will send out an email to get suggestions from people and compile a list.

2. Treasury update

1. Core funds were rolled into the trust account during the summer, sitting at \$1817.24.
2. We received \$840 this semester, 40% of our annual \$2100 core funding.

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3. Committee updates

1. DGSC

- i. Graduate student pay increase of \$1,000 this year, up to \$19,000 total across the year, should be being applied.
- ii. Julian Guttman was reelected as chair of committee.
- iii. The DGSC are now transitioning to exclusively digital submissions and forms.

2. DSG

- i. Vanier applications for PhD students are due Sept 26th 2013, applications can be accessed online through SFU.
- ii. There will be a NSERC workshop for PhD applicants held on September 23, 2013 at 2–5 pm in the Halpern Centre, Room 126 and a NSERC workshop for Master’s applicants on September 25, 2013 at 10 am–12 noon in the Halpern Centre, Room 126.

3. GSS – absent

- i. The GSS is holding a consultation for students to voice opinions on September 25th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the GSS lounge. There will be refreshments during the consultation and dinner following.

4. TSSU

- i. The TSSU will be sending out updates via email. If anyone applied for TAs and did not get one or are having issues (TUG, supervisor etc.) they should contact the TSSU.

5. Faculty Mole – Absent

4. Adjournment at 16:00.

Motion to adjourn September 18th 2013 meeting of the Biological Sciences Graduate Student Caucus at 16:00.

Moved by: Jen

Seconded by: Lindsay

Decision: **motion carries unanimously**