



In Attendance:

Rylee Murray (Chair, stand in for Elana Varner - Secretary), Kari Zurowski (Treasurer/GSS), Rachel Canham (Events Coordinator), Jayme Lewthwaile (DGSC Rep.), Pauline Deschodt (DSC rep.), Colin Bailey (stand in for Jenny Bigman - faculty mole), Heather Coatsworth (Member at large), Joy Leung

Absent:

Kristin Walters (Associate Chair), Elana Varner (Secretary)

1. **Welcome** - Meeting called to order at 15:30 by Rylee Murray.
 - a. **Attendance**
 - i. Self-introductions of committee officials and their positions
 - b. **Additions to Agenda**
 - i. **Organizing committee for Spring Grad Hosted Speaker** - next step is to invite Trevor Branch (Jane Lubchenco declined), need to form a proper committee - Rylee will send out email invitation to Trevor and to grad students to help out. Going to apply for GSS money for Spring speaker - possible deadline in January.
 - ii. **Fall Grad Hosted Speaker wrap-up** - re-imbusement to Rylee for lunch and dinner - total cost: \$275.38 for grad pizza lunch and dinner with Ray Huey (dep't also paid \$175.15 for drinks with Ray Huey).
 - iii. **Discussion: DGSC wanting to 'Create a sense of community for all grad students'** - Jayme: last DGSC meeting Margo Moore posed to Jayme and Kevin that the sense of community among grad students is lacking - but this is the first that Margo had heard of it. Jayme and Kevin described the situation - SFU is a commuter campus so physically isolated and people want to get off the mountain at the end of the day. The caucus then discussed some options: UBC has beer after 5pm, structural isolation between labs and desk space reduces community, host more grad only events, use DGSC money for pizza before speaker every week, have someone (other than grad students) facilitate icebreakers, grad retreats (similar to prof retreats), find a bio-friend for lunch app/email list, friday beers - rotate through labs for organizing, make people organize events in pairs/triples. Jayme will put together a web survey in new year for other opinions and to get things rolling. DGSC wants suggestions for how to improve the community of grad students.
 - iv. **Motion to forgo December meeting** - Seconded by Jayme, Motion carried unanimously.
 - v. **Motion (by Colin) to spend \$200 on IDEAS symposium from Trust Account:** IDEAS is an annual symposium held by E2O to bridge with REM where students share their research on aquatic ecology and conservation. Some debate was had about it being exclusive, but the caucus came to the agreement that there are other symposia or costs (Tox Talks, Pest Management membership) that are also exclusive to some grad students that E2O would not be able to participate in, so IDEAS is worth funding for the large contingent of E2O students that make up the student body - Seconded by Rylee, Heather abstained with the motion still passing.



- c. **Motion to approve minutes from last month's meeting**
 - i. Seconded by Pauline -- Motion carried unanimously

2. Treasury Update

Trust account: \$1093.26. Core account: \$1861.64. To be taken out: \$275 for Rylee, Halloween expenses for Rachel ~\$500.
Will get GSS money for Spring Grad Hosted Speaker, then \$300-\$400 for Grad Symposium.

3. Committee Updates

- a. DGSC – Jayme: see above (b. iii.).
- b. DSC – Pauline: No scholarship meeting.
- c. GSS – Kolitha: No updates from (emailed to Rylee).
- d. TSSU – Asim: No updates from (emailed to Rylee).
- e. Faculty Mole – Colin: No departmental meeting.

4. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn (by Rylee)
 - i. Seconded by Joy – Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)

11.27.17
