

2019-06-27

June caucus meeting minutes

New members:

Jo – Diversity committee

Steven – New member

Motion to approve may minutes

Ranah – 1<sup>st</sup>

Melissa – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unanimously passed

Motion to forgo July meeting

Yonathan – 1<sup>st</sup>

Ranah – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unanimously passed

### **Updates:**

DGSC:

-Melissa is willing to do the website update but may not be able to so we are looking for another candidate. Melissa will send an email out. Looking to possibly have the candidate be elected by the caucus.

-Degree requirements might be conveyed during the orientation session. Possible another idea for workshops in general is to contract grad students for workshops. But for this thing in particular the department does not seem interested in a separate workshop. If they don't have a comprehensive enough session we may do a workshop.

-Creating a document that lays out expectations between students and supervisors. Jayme already presented a draft. There's one already from physics which we might draw from.

-Chemistry has harassment problems and their DGSC rep is working on a faculty of science wide diversity rep

-Pushing for increased grad student funding. New avenue could be tuition wavers because chemistry is pushing for that. Acceptance letters should have a breakdown of our take home pay because it is not currently clear. Melissa will get DGSC to fix that.

GSS:

-Handbook of rights – universal document

-Still deciding if we will endorse the gondola. Asking SFU for more info.

-Graduate housing working group – still creating this group

-department bullying (email from Kari) “Here are the contacts for Departmental Bullying and Harassment. They are looking for advice on how our department may address or prevent issues, as well as how it has addressed issues with positive outcomes in the past.

[stacey\\_copeland@sfu.ca](mailto:stacey_copeland@sfu.ca)

[zora\\_feren@sfu.ca](mailto:zora_feren@sfu.ca)”

Treasurer update:

Core – 516.61

Trust – 993.13

TSSU:

-tssu events: summer solstice bbq at noon tomorrow

-TSSU grants for workshops, they will pay for you to attend workshops

-SIAT program-surrey campus where two jobs were offered for two people with two different genders and they have two diff pays (BOO).

Grad hosted speaker:

-Yonathan will be sending out an email for grad hosted speaker.

### **Committee updates:**

Workshop

-nothing to update

Diversity

-will send out a survey soon

-will be collaborating with other committees

-July 5<sup>th</sup> will be LGBTQ+ stem day, free admission to event at science world from 1-4.

-Next meeting will be July second at 230pm

Events committee

-Adam motioned for 500\$ for the welcome bbq

-Melissa second

-Unanimously passed, Events committee and Kari abstain.

-Yonathan motions for 20\$ for movie night

-Melissa seconds

-Unanimously passed, Kari and the events committee abstains

Grad mentorship program

-Yonathan plugged for people to start brain storming ideas on how to get this program going

-Melissa mentioned idea from chem where all the mentors meet up and discuss how to be a mentor

-have specific mentor-mentee events where they meet up and talk etc

-GSS grant potentially for extra events-Needs to be checked out by the events committee.

-current plan is to have people set by welcome bbq. And to have them check in once in awhile (once a month)

Meeting adjourned