

SFU Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Student Caucus
August 2023 Meeting Agenda

17 August 2023 @ 2:00PM PST
Room B8218

1. Welcome

- Attendance
Brett Hodinka (Chair)
Raven Barbera (Associate Chair)
Emmanuel Hung (Member at larger, DSC)
Miranda Dennis (General Member)
Sam Meraj (Treasurer)
Soobin Yim (DGSC)
Ramis Rafay (Events, Web Master)
Steven Brownlee (DGSC, TSSU, GSS)
Kaitlin Bruzzin
- Motion to approve July meeting minutes (no June meeting)
 - Motioned by Brett Hodinka
 - Seconded by Raven Barbera
 - Motion carries unanimously

2. Chair's Report

- New BISC grad caucus chair needed ASAP
- Miranda Dennis is currently running unopposed
- Motion to transfer 100% of unused core funds of the SFU Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Student Caucus to the SFU Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Student Caucus trust account.
 - Moved by: Brett Hodinka
 - Seconded by: Steven Brownlee
 - Decision: Approved
 - Email administrator at help@sfugradsociety.ca before August 31 with minutes that include this motion
 - Miranda Dennis has decided to run unaoposed

3. Treasurer's Update

Core Account: 1649.37\$

Trust Account: 3211.35\$

4. Representatives' Updates

- DGSC
 - Currently working on transferring masters' students to Phd students
- DSC

- Awards have been ranked with announcements coming soon. There was little competition so consider applying next time!
- GSS
 - PHD students (specifically if you've rolled up) in the program for less than 4 years look out for an email, if you did not receive an email please reach out to Mike Hart
 - Actively pushing to give the award to masters students and phd students outside of the 4 years
- TSSU
 - The tssu submitted RA union cards to the labour board and on august 17th were waiting for the final decision on whether Ras are going to unionize. Look out for emails to stay informed.
- Faculty Meeting
 - No faculty meeting

5. Committee Updates

- Diversity and Inclusion
 - No meeting
- Events
 - Fall Welcome BBQ, Faculty and Grad students invited!
 - The BBQ will be hosted **4 to 10pm on Thursday, September 6**
 - Motion to approve BISC grad caucus spending from petty cash and/or core account in the amount of \$500 for the 2023 BISC Grad Welcome BBQ
 - Motioned by Brett Hodinka
 - Seconded Kaitlin Bruzinni
 - Motion carries unanimously
 - Currently looking for volunteers to help setup and cleanup after the event. Please reach out if you would be interested in helping out.

6. Adjournment

- Motioned by Brett Hodinka
- Seconded Kaitlin Bruzinni
- Motion carries unanimously