

Chemistry Graduate Caucus
Meeting Minutes

MBB Lounge 8000-Level
11:01 a.m., 28 November 2011

In Attendance:

Reagan Belan (President), Shira Halperin (VP/GSS Councillor), Stanley Chang (Secretary), Michael Jones (DGSC Rep), Ryan Roberts (TSSU Steward), Kyle Greenway (TSSU Steward), Alisa Paterson (Social Coordinator), Rachel Ashley (Social Coordinator), Hope Fan (Sports Rep).

Regrets:

Brandy Kinkead (Treasurer), Graeme Suppes (TSSU Steward), Venugopal Rao Challa (TSSU Steward), Danielle Wilson (Social Coordinator), Jarod Moore (Grad Info Coordinator/Sports Rep).

1. Holiday Celebration

- Reagan Belan and Brandy Kinkead updated the Caucus on methods of payment for the Holiday Celebration: the Department of Chemistry will pay for the full bill in order to save paying for the HST. The Caucus will in turn owe the Department instead of the Diamond Alumni Centre (DAC) for payment for the event.
- As of now, the Caucus estimates that approximately 45-50 people have purchased tickets. The goal is to hold event for 75 people.
- Reagan Belan will be sending out email reminders for ticket sales.
- Members selling tickets are asked to keep track of ticket (containing specific element names) sales.
- Menu options:
 - Vegetarian diet: (tentatively) veggie lasagna.
 - Omnivore diet: to be decided via email communication.
- The amount of beverage (i.e. bottle of wine per table) will be decided next meeting once the final attendee numbers are set.
- The DAC is providing the space from 4:30 p.m. until midnight.
- There will be a quiz/trivia session after the meal:
 - 2 rounds
 - Groups of 4-5 people
 - Reagan Belan and Michael Jones will be quizmasters
 - Prizes: items/gift certificates from Club Ilia

2. External Review

- Kyle Greenway asked members of the Caucus if there had been an external review in recent years because the TSSU is collecting this information.
- Past and present members informed Kyle Greenway that no current members were present for an external review.

3. Fundraising Ideas for Caucus

- Test tube
 - Reagan Belan motioned for Brandy Kinkead to purchase test tubes and candy for fundraising on behalf of the Chemistry Graduate Caucus, and will be reimbursed for her expenditures. Shira Halperin and Kyle Greenway both seconded this motion.
 - Votes: For = 9, Against = 0.
 - *Motion carried.*
- Lab notebooks
 - The Caucus can look into purchasing lab notebooks in bulk to sell to undergraduate students requiring notebooks for laboratory experiments/courses.

4. Fundraising Ideas for Causes

- Michael Jones informed the Caucus of potentially forming a team for the Walk for Alzheimer 's disease to take place in early 2012. There may be some fundraising activity towards Alzheimer 's disease research.
- New team members and creative team names are welcome!

5. GSS Meeting Update

- Shira Halperin informed the Caucus of last Wednesday's GSS Meeting to terminate the SFSS-GSS agreement for shared services for 2012.
- Shira Halperin also pointed out that the GSS is concerned with new bills from the SFSS for shared services. Items include:
 - Charges for services from the previous year.
 - Charges for services that are currently defunct.
- The GSS will sort out these issues prior to paying for these charges.

Meeting concluded at 11:30 a.m.