

Chemistry Graduate Caucus
Meeting Minutes
11:07 a.m., 24 October 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), Venugopal Rao Challa (TSSU Steward), Graeme Suppes (TSSU Steward), Alisa Paterson (Social Coordinator), Danielle Wilson (Social Coordinator), Rachel Ashley (Social Coordinator), Jarod Moore (Grad Info Coordinator/Sports Rep), Hope Fan (Sports Rep).

Regrets:

Brandy Kinkead (Treasurer).

1. Halloween Social

- Reagan Belan and Michael Jones will pick up pumpkins and other beverages on Thursday.
- Event breakdown:
 - Set-up (including \$50 for decorations):
 - Shira Halperin, Rachel Ashley, Hope Fan.
 - Serving (blocking off one entrance to Chem-Bio lounge):
 - Reagan Belan, Danielle Wilson.
 - Take-down:
 - Ryan Roberts, Kyle Greenway.
- Tentative pricing list:
 - \$1 pizza
 - \$1 non-alcoholic beverages
 - \$2 keg beer
 - \$2 other alcoholic beverages
- Reagan Belan has finished application for gaming license required for 50/50 tickets.
- The Caucus asked for volunteers to bring Halloween music for this social.
- Prizes for pumpkin carving contest will probably be 1 free drink and/or 1 free pizza.
- Stanley Chang will order 16 pizzas from Pizza Point:
 - Hawaiian (4), Pepperoni (4), Vegetarian (4), Spicy Chicken (4).

2. Other Caucus Activities

- Reagan Belan and Shira Halperin will approach Biology Graduate Caucus to pick up troughs that belong to the Chemistry Graduate Caucus.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of home-brewed beers for future Caucus events.

3. Christmas Party/Winter Gala/Holiday Celebration

- Reagan Belan booked the Diamond Alumni Centre (DAC) for Tuesday, December 6th.

- Reagan Belan will email out the menu provided by the DAC.
- GSS Grant application for event is currently in process.
- Tentative ticket price:
 - \$20 for grad students (\$20 for guest)
 - \$25 for professors/staff (\$25 for guest)
- This event will also be advertised to the Chemistry Undergraduate Caucus, whom we hope will help subsidize this departmental event.

4. Fundraising Ideas

- Reagan Belan approached Bruce Harwood (glassblower) about making glasses for the Caucus. Bruce Harwood is fine with the idea, but is currently busy with another order from Dean of Science.
- It was recommended that the Chemistry Graduate Caucus figure out how much we would like to order, taking into consideration the Bruce's workload from the Dean of Science orders.

5. Future Activities

- Jarod Moore is currently waiting for a reply from the Coquitlam Curling Club, but will also check up on Marpole Curling Club.

6. Caucus Web Resources

- Jarod Moore has completed updating the Caucus website. The wiki page is currently a work in progress.
- Members of the Caucus are asked to check for errors on the website.

7. TSSU Bargaining Update

- Kyle Greenway has informed the Caucus of the possibility of strike action if the bargaining process runs into a series of roadblocks in negotiations with the university. This will likely take place several months from now, if strike action is necessary.

Meeting concluded at 11:38 a.m.