

## **Chemistry Graduate Caucus at Simon Fraser University**

*Meeting Minutes*

April 2, 2012

**MBB Lounge 6000-Level**

### *In Attendance:*

Reagan Belan (President), Shira Halperin (VP/GSS Councillor), Brandy Kinkead (Treasurer), Stanley Chang (Secretary), Graeme Suppes (TSSU Steward), Danielle Wilson (Social Coordinator), Alisa Paterson (Social Coordinator).

### *Regrets:*

Michael Jones (DGSC Rep/GSS Councillor Alternate), Ryan Roberts (TSSU Steward), Kyle Greenway (TSSU Steward), Venugopal Rao Challa (TSSU Steward), Jarod Moore (Grad Info Coordinator/Sports Rep), Hope Fan (Sports Rep).

#### **1. Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM.

#### **2. Appointment of the Speaker**

- Reagan Belan (President) was appointed Speaker for this meeting.
- **MOVED** to appoint Reagan Belan as Speaker for this meeting.  
(Halperin/Chang)  
**CARRIED.**

#### **3. Appointment of the Secretary**

- Stanley Chang (Secretary) was appointed Secretary for this meeting.
- **MOVED** to appoint Stanley Chang as Secretary for this meeting.  
(Paterson/Suppes)  
**CARRIED.**

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

- No changes to the updated minutes from March 19, 2012 were suggested.
- **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2012 Chemistry Caucus meeting.  
(Chang/Wilson)  
**CARRIED.**

#### **5. GSS Council Meeting Update**

- The GSS Councillor (Halperin) reported that GSS-SFSS shared services agreement expires on May 1, 2012. The CERO (Soroni) attempted to contact the SFSS board members, but did not receive a response. The GSS board voted to extend the

current contract by 90 days to ensure access to these shared services in the meantime.

- The GSS Councillor (Halperin) reported that the acclaimed AIRO (Ansell) for the 2012-2013 term will be away for the first few months of his tenure. The GSS will need to pass a new by-law at the upcoming Special AGM to allow for the appointment of an interim AIRO while the acclaimed AIRO (Ansell) is away.
- The GSS Councillor (Halperin) reported that the GSS Special AGM will be held on April 3, 2012 at noon in the GSS Lounge (MBC 2212). The President (Belan) and GSS Councillor (Halperin) will send out reminder emails to the Chemistry Department.

#### **6. Graduate Student Invited Speaker for 2013**

- The President (Belan) reported that she will find out when the Caucus needs to supply the Chemistry Department with a list of potential graduate student invited speakers for the 2013 seminar series. The nomination period will be open to all Chemistry graduate students, and all graduate students are invited to the Caucus' general meeting.
- The President (Belan) suggested looking into applying for a GSS Caucus Grant or Professional Development Grant for this event, but further detail for this event is required.

#### **7. Chemistry Department Grand Opening**

- The Social Coordinator (Wilson) reported that she is currently representing the graduate students in organizing this event. The event is to be held on April 16 or 17, 2012, and will require approximately 10 volunteers. She will attend a meeting on April 2, 2012 to obtain more details.

#### **8. Fundraiser**

- In response to an MBB graduate student (Chandra Lebovitz) who is raising money for Ride to Conquer Cancer, the Caucus has decided to allow her to sell 50/50 tickets at the next Chemistry Departmental Coffee. The President (Belan) will email this student (Lebovitz) to inform her of our decision, provided she (Lebovitz) has the proper gaming license and paper work for her fundraiser.

#### **9. TSSU Strike Vote Update**

- The TSSU Representative (Suppes) reported that the new strike policy was passed at their last meeting. There was a brief discussion of the exact policies that were passed. The TSSU Representative (Suppes) also reported that the UBC graduate student TAs also recently passed their strike vote.

#### **10. Chemistry Caucus Finances**

- The Treasurer (Kinkead) reported that the Chemistry Caucus currently owes the Chemistry Department \$880.04.

- Permission has been given to the Secretary (Chang) to purchase molecular model kits for the 2012 Summer semester. This expenditure should be about \$1200.

#### **11. Lab/Course Supply Sales for 2012 Summer Semester**

- The Treasurer (Kinhead) offered to look into booking a table in the AQ hallway for selling lab/course supplies for the 2012 Summer semester. She will also talk to the Physics Caucus to collaborate in selling lab notebooks.

#### **12. Conclusion**

- **MOVED** to conclude the meeting.  
(Belan/Paterson)  
**CARRIED.**

*Meeting concluded at 11:29 AM.*