

Chemistry Graduate Caucus at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2012

MBB Lounge 6000-Level

In Attendance:

Alisa Paterson (Secretary), Graeme Suppes (TSSU Steward), Kenny Lin (Treasurer), Michael Jones (President), Reagan Belan (Vice-President/TSSU Steward), Danielle Wilson (GSS Councillor/Grad Info Coordinator)

Regrets:

Venugopal Challa (TSSU Steward), Kyle Greenway (TSSU Steward), Hope Fan (Sports Representative), Brandy Kinkead (DGSC Representative), Nevena Cekic (Social Coordinator)

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM.

2. Appointment of the Speaker

- **MOVED** to appoint Michael Jones as Speaker for this meeting.
(Suppes/Paterson)
CARRIED.
- Michael Jones (President) was appointed Speaker for this meeting.

3. Appointment of the Secretary

- **MOVED** to appoint Alisa Paterson (Secretary) as Secretary for this meeting.
(Lin/Wilson)
CARRIED.
- Alisa Paterson (Secretary) was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

- **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2012 Chemistry Graduate Caucus meeting.
(Belan/Jones)
CARRIED.

5. Holiday Party (Tuesday December 4, 2012 - 6:30 pm)

- The Caucus has sold 77 tickets to this event. The President (Jones) has made a master list of guests, which we will mark off upon arrival. Each guest will have a drink ticket that can be used for beer or a soft drink.
- The President (Jones) will speak with Club Ilia about the additional 7 covers and offer extra payment.
- Kinkead (DGSC Rep) has purchased the chocolates and gift basket and Wilson has purchased 4 x \$10 Tim Hortons gift cards with money from the ticket sales.

Suppes (TSSU Rep) will purchase Hershey's kisses from Nesters Market. (Total \$140)

6. TSSU/CUPE Bargaining

- The TSSU has reached an agreement. TAs from the summer and fall semesters will receive retro-pay.
- CUPE bargaining is ongoing.

7. GSS Update

- Three new officers have been elected. President Petter attended the beginning of the meeting (November 26, 2012) and answered a few questions.
- There is currently no indication of any increase in tuition fees for international students, as the budget has been set until 2014.

8. Christopher Murray – Graduate Guest Seminar Speaker

- The Caucus will need to look into finances to prepare a budget for the Caucus Grant Application.
- The Caucus will look into booking SSB 7172 in order for students to present their research to the guest and have lunch. Belan (VP/TSSU Rep) will look into booking this room.

9. Undergraduate/Graduate Joint Social

- The Caucus will potentially hold a joint social with the undergraduate chemistry student society in late February or early March.

10. Conclusion

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

Meeting concluded at 11:44 AM.