

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2014

Shrum Science Centre C9034

In Attendance:

John Thompson (President), Ryan Clarke (Vice-President), Kate Prosser (Treasurer), Stephanie Chang (Secretary), Matt Alteen (DGSC Representative), Yumeela Ganga-sah (TSSU Steward), Shaima Kammoonah (TSSU Steward), Ania Tersakian (GSS Councillor Alternate), Fatima Garcia (GSS Councillor), Matthew Brown (Graduate Information Coordinator)

Regrets:

Motahareh Safiollah (TSSU Steward), Heather Wiebe (Social Coordinator), Rhea Bains (TSSU Steward), Kailey Wright (TSSU Steward), David Ester (Sports Coordinator), Adam Barlev (TSSU Steward), Tasleem Muzaffar (TSSU Steward)

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM in SSC-C9034.

2. Appointment of the Chair

- **MOVED** to appoint John Thompson as Chair for this meeting.
Moved by: Kate Prosser
Seconded by: Fatima Garcia
MOTION CARRIED.
- John Thompson (President) was appointed Chair for this meeting.

3. Appointment of the Secretary

- **MOVED** to appoint Stephanie Chang as Secretary for this meeting.
Moved by: Ania Tersakian
Seconded by: John Thompson
MOTION CARRIED.
- Stephanie Chang (Secretary) was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

- **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2014 Chemistry Graduate Caucus meeting.
Moved by: Ryan Clarke
Seconded by: Matthew Brown
MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business**5. Movember Social (November 28, 2014)**

- A ticket system will be in place for obtaining a drink.
- John Thompson (President) has almost completed the special occasion license; the final signature from security is all that is needed.

6. Spring Semester Lab Supplies Sales

- Matthew Brown (Graduate Information Coordinator) informed the caucus that ordering molecule kits through the website www.alibaba.com, though cheaper, is difficult due to a language barrier and a lack of quality assurance.
 - Ordering from other suppliers results in a higher price per molecule kit due to shipping and the poor Canadian dollar.
- The caucus will purchase 150 molecule kits from Sigma-Aldrich.
- 8 packs of 12 black lab goggles will also be ordered.

7. Christmas Social (December 15, 2014)

- Kate Prosser (Treasurer) and John Thompson (President) are meeting with the event coordinator at the Mountain Shadow pub today to finalize event details.
- The quote they received stated \$60/person for a 4 course meal, wine with dinner, 2 drink tickets and a DJ for 100 attendees.
- Thompson (President) stated they will be discussing the option of having a pitcher of beer as well as a bottle of wine at each table for dinner.
- The event will have doors open at 6:30pm and then dinner will be served at 7:30pm.
- Tickets will be sold at \$20 for students and \$25 for staff/faculty.
- Prosser (Treasurer) volunteered to design the event tickets and the poster.

New Business**8. GSS**

- Fatima Garcia (GSS Councillor) brought the following to caucus to determine the caucus' position ahead of the GSS meeting on Tuesday, November 18.
- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association support the GSS in signing a letter of support to those that have been sued by Kinder Morgan because they have spoken out about the project.

Moved by: Ania Tersakian

Seconded by: John Thompson

MOTION CARRIED.

- The Chemistry Graduate Association withholds support of the statement by the David Suzuki Foundation regarding the 2015 transit referendum until the statement is reworked to be more specific. We do, however, support the idea that the referendum is important.
- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association support the motion to task the Executive Committee with writing a letter to Desjardin speaking of the society's concern of the imposed binary gender system in the ihaveaplan app. We wish to

know if this information is needed for provision of care or if this is merely for the company's metrics.

Moved by: Fatima Garcia

Seconded by: Kate Prosser

MOTION CARRIED.

- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate denounce the motion to task the Director of Graduate Studies with further researching this issue. We feel this is unnecessary extra work.

Moved by: Kate Prosser

Seconded by: Ryan Clarke

MOTION CARRIED.

- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association support the GSS in issuing a statement in support of the University of Toronto's Graduate Studies Organization's bid for defederation from the Canadian Federation of Students.

Moved by: Stephanie Chang

Seconded by: Matt Alteen

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Student Hosted Seminar Speaker

- The 2013-2014 caucus chosen seminar speaker has encountered scheduling issues and will not be presenting at SFU Spring 2015 but instead be presenting in Fall 2015.
- This caucus will still be choosing a speaker to host for the 2015-2016 seminar series.
- The 2015-2016 caucus will be hosting two speakers instead of one.

10. TSSU

- Yumeela Ganga-sah (TSSU Steward) advertised the Member Mobilization Committee (MMC) to caucus members. Members of the MMC handle awareness campaigns of the TSSU and receive a \$150/month stipend with additional work hours compensated at \$20/hour.
- Ganga-sah (TSSU Steward) asked that caucus members spread awareness of TSSU issues by bringing the information presented by TSSU Stewards at caucus meetings to their labs.

11. Adjournment

- **MOVED** to conclude the meeting.
Moved by: Yumeela Ganga-sah (TSSU Steward)
Seconded by: Matt Alteen (DGSC Representative)

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting concluded at 11:10 AM.