

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes

Shrum Science Centre, C7080

December 7, 2015

In Attendance

Kate Prosser (President); Jessica Miller (Vice President); Rhea Bains (Treasurer); Matt Alteen (DGSC Rep); Bryton Varju (Social Coordinator); Fatima Garcia (GSS Councillor)

Regrets

Iris Guo (GSS Alternate); Adam Barlev (TSSU Steward); Kailey Wright (Secretary/TSSU Steward); Matt Deen (DGSC Rep); David Ester (Social Coordinator); Marco Farren-Dai (Sports Rep); Tasleem Muzaffar (Grad Info Coordinator/TSSU Steward); Declan McKearney (Sports Rep); Yumeela Ganga-sah (TSSU Steward); Heather Baroody (TSSU Steward); Ania Sergenko (TSSU Steward)

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 10:31 AM in SSC-C7080.

2. Appointment of the Chair

- **MOVED** to appoint Kate Prosser as Chair for this meeting.
Moved by: Jessica Miller
Seconded by: Matt Alteen
MOTION CARRIED.
- Kate Prosser (President) was appointed Chair for this meeting.

3. Appointment of the Secretary

- **MOVED** to appoint Jessica Miller as Secretary for this meeting.
Moved by: Matt Alteen
Seconded by: Kate Prosser
MOTION CARRIED.
- Jessica Miller (Secretary) was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

- **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2015 Chemistry Graduate Caucus meeting.
Moved by: Fatima Garcia
Seconded by: Kate Prosser
MOTION CARRIED.

5. Reimbursements

Departmental Holiday Social (December 4, 2015)

- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association reimburse **Kailey Wright** \$1800 from the cash box and \$2970.85 from the trust account to cover the majority of the cost of the Social at Cotto.

Moved by: Kate Prosser

Seconded by: Fatima Garcia

Abstentions: John Thompson

MOTION CARRIED.

- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association reimburse **Kate Prosser** \$175 from the cash box to cover the additional costs of the Social.

Moved by: Jessica Miller

Seconded by: Fatima Garcia

Abstentions: Kate Prosser

MOTION CARRIED.

- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association reimburse **Jessica Miller** \$187 from the cash box to cover the prizes for the Social.

Moved by: Bryton Varju

Seconded by: Fatima Garcia

Abstentions: Jessica Miller

MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business

6. Holiday Social

- Ticket sales totalled \$1730.
- Reimbursements listed above.

7. Departmental Dodgeball Game

- Declan has booked the gym for the 8th of January (Friday).
- There was some discussion of turning this into an informal welcome social at the student pub.

8. Lab Coats

- Jessica has ordered lab coats (XS, S M)
- Jessica has ordered XL over-glasses safety goggles.
- Kate will talk to Hamel about setting up a table in the Department in order to sell in January.

New Business

9. GSS Update

- Fatima brought forward the motions for the agenda. All decisions were unanimous on these issues.
 - Below is presented the motion from the GSS as well as the Caucus' decisions.
- a. BIRT the GSS council adopt the 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statement of the GSS as circulated at the Dec 8th, 2015 council meeting.
 - **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association move to pass this motion.
 - b. BIRT Council grant approval for Council Members to participate in monthly council meetings via videoconferencing, provided that council members do so by attending one of the designated rooms set up for that purpose by GSS staff at SFU Surrey or SFU Vancouver
BIFRT this approval continue indefinitely until revoked by council
 - **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association move to pass this motion.
 - c. BIRT the housekeeping changes to the GSS By-laws proposed at the Dec 8th, 2015 Council meeting be placed on the agenda for the next AGM
 - **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association move to pass this motion.
 - d. BIRT the substantive change to the GSS By-laws proposed at the December 8th, 2015 council meeting, which suggest that Directors not be simultaneously permitted to act as Councilors, be placed on the agenda for the next AGM.
 - **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association move to pass this motion.
 - e. BIRT the substantive changes to the GSS By-Laws proposed at the December 8th, council meeting, which suggest that Directors have a two week overlap period with their successors, be placed on the agenda for the next AGM
 - **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association move to pass this motion.

10. Adjournment

- **MOVED** to conclude the meeting.
Moved by: Kate Prosser
Seconded by: Rhea Bains
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting concluded at 10:54 AM.