

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes

Shrum Science Centre, C7080

October 9, 2015

In Attendance

Kate Prosser (President), Kailey Wright (Secretary/TSSU Steward), Matt Alteen (DGSC Rep), Matt Deen (DGSC Rep), Bryton Varju (Social Coordinator), David Ester (Social Coordinator), Declan McKearney (Sports Rep), Tasleem Muzaffar (Grad Info Coordinator/TSSU Steward), Ania Sergeenko (TSSU Steward)

Absent

Jessica Miller (Vice President), Rhea Bains (Treasurer), Fatima Garcia (GSS Councillor), Iris Guo (GSS Alternate), Yumeela Ganga-sah (TSSU Steward), Marco Farren-Dai (Sports Rep), Adam Barlev (TSSU Steward), Heather Barood (TSSU Steward)

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM in SSC-C7080.

2. Appointment of the Chair

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

3. Appointment of the Secretary

- **MOVED** to appoint Kailey Wright as Secretary for this meeting.
Moved by: Matt Alteen
Seconded by: Declan McKearney
MOTION CARRIED.
- Kailey Wright (Secretary) was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda

- **MOVED** to adopt the agenda as amended:
 - **5. Approval of Minutes** to be tabled until they are provided by interim secretary Fatima Garcia
Moved by: Kailey Wright
Seconded by: Tasleem
MOTION CARRIED.

5. Approval of Minutes

- **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2015 Chemistry Graduate Caucus meeting.
MOTION TABLED.

6. Reimbursements

Departmental Poster Competition and Caucus Social (October 2, 2015)

- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association reimburse **John Thompson** \$355 from the cash box for Pizza and Liquor for the Poster Competition Social.
Moved by: David Ester
Seconded by: Bryton Varju
Abstentions: John Thompson
MOTION CARRIED.
- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association reimburse **Bryton Varju** \$215 from the cash box for purchasing the Keg and *Serving It Right* the Poster Competition Social.
Moved by: Declan McKearney
Seconded by: Matt Alteen
Abstentions: Bryton Varju
MOTION CARRIED.
- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association reimburse **Matt Alteen** \$715 from the cash box for purchasing the Snacks and Liquor for the Poster Competition Social and the Graduate Student Welcome Social.
Moved by: Tasleem Muzaffar
Seconded by: Kailey Wright
Abstentions: Matt Alteen
MOTION CARRIED.

Old Reimbursements

- **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association reimburse **Declan McKearney** \$35 from the cash box for purchasing his *Serving It Right* to assist with serving at future caucus events.
Moved by: Ania Sergeenko
Seconded by: Matt Deen
Abstentions: Declan McKearney
MOTION CARRIED.
 - **MOVED** that the Chemistry Graduate Association reimburse **Ania Sergeenko** \$27 from the cash box for purchasing donuts.
Moved by: Kailey Wright
Seconded by: Tasleem Muzaffar
Abstentions: Ania Sergeenko
MOTION CARRIED.
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7. Old Business

7.1. Poster Competition

- Steve Holdcroft (Department Chair) has discussed reimbursing the Chemistry Graduate Association an as-yet undecided amount for costs incurred for the Poster Competition Social.

7.2. Ben Cravatt, Invited Speaker

- Old Caucus (2 years ago) invited Ben Cravatt to speak in the department, he will be talking on October 28th.
- Inviting students to give short 10 minute talks to him, and then lunch with him at the DAC @ 12pm.
- Talk to the department about partial compensation.

7.3. Lab Coat Sales

- Sold \$275 worth of lab coats, bringing the total up to \$15680.

8. New Business

8.1. TSSU Update

- After 86% No vote by the Union, the Employer is taking away benefit payments (MSP, additional health care/dental/optical). This does not affect the GSS coverage offered to graduate students as part of their tuition.
- As always, any member with questions is encouraged to discuss matters with one of the departmental stewards.

8.2. GSS Update

- Tabled, no GSS representative present.

8.3. Halloween Social

- Social will be from 4ish until 10pm on October 30 (probably the atrium, unconfirmed). Usual costume and pumpkin carving contests.
- Matt Alteen will pick up pumpkins next week as it was too late last year.
- Bryton getting liquor license and meeting with Peg.
- Usual fare will be available. Wine, coolers, keg, pizza

8.4. CSC Local Chapter Funding

- There is a local (Vancouver) chapter for the CSC (The Canadian Society for Chemists), and they have approximately \$10,000 of underused funding available for chapter-supported events.
- Matt A. will look into this avenue to procure funding for our socials.

9. Adjournment

- **MOVED** to conclude the meeting.
Moved by: Kailey Wright
Seconded by: David Ester
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting concluded at 11:05 AM.