

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes

Shrum Science Centre, C7080

August 19, 2016

In Attendance

Kate Prosser (President); Kailey Wright (Secretary/TSSU Steward); Matt Alteen (DGSC Rep); Matt Deen (DGSC Rep); Bryton Varjou (Social Coordinator); Jessica Miller (Vice President); Tasleem Muzaffar (Grad Info Coordinator/TSSU Steward); Rhea Bains (Treasurer); Yumeela Ganga-sah (TSSU Steward);

Regrets

Iris Guo (GSS Alternate); Adam Barlev (TSSU Steward); David Ester (Social Coordinator); Ania Sergenko (TSSU Steward); Heather Baroody (TSSU Steward); Marco Farren-Dai (Sports Rep); Declan McKearney (Sports Rep); Fatima Garcia (GSS Councillor);

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:28 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: Bryton Varjou
MOTION CARRIED.
- Kailey Wright (Secretary) was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

- **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Previous Chemistry Graduate Caucus meeting.
Moved by: Jessica Miller
Seconded by: Matt Alteen
MOTION CARRIED.

5. Labcoats

- Doodle poll for table sitting
- There are some labs in the first week
- Need to send some things to Surrey.
 - How many students are out there? Nobody knows the exact number.

6. DGSC

- Long meeting regarding student funding and recruitment as well as some pedagogical things (such as modules).
- Moving forward to have a recruitment day where prospective students are invited to look at the school (Friday Feb 24 is the tentative recruitment day for Spring).
 - Unchartered territory for the committee so any input is appreciated
- About stipends, broad support from DGSC but there will likely be considerable push-back from the department. Need to put together a costing plan and proposal.
- Some discussion about subsidising to help ease the financial strain.

7. New Grad Student Orientation

- Friday September 9th for Orientation.
 - Take some money and buy a few beers at the TA/TM day social at the highland.
 - Find out how many people we expect and budget 2-3 drinks/person.

8. Poster Competition...or is it?

- Poster competition and the oral competition are being switched so the poster competition will coincide with recruitment day. Oral competition with some industry speakers is now the order of the day for October 14th.
- Looking for max 6x20minute talks (four may be better).
 - Kate talking to Co-op lady to get potential speakers.
 - Matt A suggested speaking to John Canal.

9. George Whitesides' Visit

- Since he is our invited speaker we received a list of possible talks for the seminar series
- The list was disseminated to the caucus members.
- Make your pick by the end of Monday and send it to Kate.

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 9:57 AM.