

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes November 3rd, 2017

In attendance

Ali Nejatie (President), Joe Egan (Vice President), Garrett Muir (Secretary), Nas Yousefi (Treasurer, TSSU Representative), Audrey Taylor (GSS Representative), Fatima Garcia (First Alternate GSS Rep.), Ania Sergeenko (DGSC Representative, TSSU Representative), Diego Martelino (Social Coordinator), Matthew Deen (Sports Representative), Parisa Shiri (TSSU Representative)

Regrets

David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep), Gregory MacNeil (Social Coordinator), Cindy Wu (Alternate DGSC Rep), Tasleem Muzaffar (Information Coordinator, TSSU Representative), Heather Baroody (TSSU Representative), Xiaoyun Yuan (Kelsy) (TSSU Representative) , David Guan (TSSU Representative), Curtis Gibbs (TSSU Representative)

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:30 in the Shrum Science Centre C9034.

News

- Changing the time of meetings was discussed but it was decided meetings will continue at 9:30
- Christmas Social.
 - One potential location would be the Diamond Alumni Centre (DAC), which would encourage professors and staff to attend the event.
 - The event will be planned for the second week of December (11th to the 15th). The caucus discussed the idea that Friday the 15th would be the optimal day for the event.
 - A rough budget for the event would be between \$3000-\$4000.
 - The DAC has a bar and should be able to serve the liquor and food. The prices for the serving, liquor, and food have to be confirmed.
 - This event will be a formal event. This will be explicitly advertised.
- There will be a discussion with the professors organizing the recruiting session to determine the effectiveness of the session.
- The committee that reviews the Graduate Fellowship (GF) applications does not have a student sitting on it. This is a problem because there is no oversight of the committee by the students to ensure that the GFs are being properly distributed. As well, other departments have students on their committees.

- The DGSC representative are developing an application stating how students could be involved in this committee, citing precedent from other departments that give GFs and have students on the committee.
- There was approximately \$800 spent on the Halloween Graduate Caucus Social.

Reimbursements

- **MOVED** to pay Ali Nejatie \$767.35, out of the trust fund via cheque requisition for the cost of food, drinks, and prizes for the Halloween social. (\$600 Club Ilia, \$130 gift card prizes and \$37.35 tokens)
Moved by: Nas Yousefi
Seconded by: Joe Egan
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting concluded at 9:58 am.