

## **Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University**

*Meeting Minutes*      November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### *In attendance*

Ali Nejatie (President), Garrett Muir (Secretary), Nas Yousefi (Treasurer, TSSU Representative), David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep), Ania Sergeenko (DGSC Representative, TSSU Representative), Diego Martelino (Social Coordinator), Gregory MacNeil (Social Coordinator), Matthew Deen (Sports Representative), Curtis Gibbs (TSSU Representative)

### *Regrets*

Joe Egan (Vice President), Audrey Taylor (GSS Representative), Fatima Garcia (First Alternate GSS Rep.), Cindy Wu (Alternate DGSC Rep), Tasleem Muzaffar (Information Coordinator, TSSU Representative), Parisa Shiri (TSSU Representative), Heather Baroody (TSSU Representative), Xiaoyun Yuan (Kelsy) (TSSU Representative) , David Guan (TSSU Representative),

### **Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at 9:35 in the SSB 7109.

### **Appointment of the Chair**

- MOVED to appoint Ali Nejatie (President) as Chair for this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ali Nejatie was appointed Chair for this meeting.

### **Appointment of the Secretary**

- MOVED to appoint Garrett Muir (Secretary) as Secretary for this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

Garrett Muir was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

### **News**

- The Christmas social is currently being planned.
  - The budget for the social is \$3000.
  - Date
    - 58 people participated in the vote deciding the date – 46 voted for Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Venue
    - Blarney Stone

- They have the 15<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Their price list has been posted on slack. Their cheapest option is \$25 per person for a buffet dinner and we are required to spend \$1500 minimum.
  - However, the space for trivia is limited.
  - If the 8<sup>th</sup> is booked, we can reserve the upstairs area. If the 15<sup>th</sup> is booked, we can reserve the downstairs area.
- Oscars
  - They only asked us what we wanted to spend.
- Steamworks
  - This venue is expensive. We have to spend \$3000 minimum.
- DAC
  - They are available for bookings on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, not the 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Highland Pub
  - They have not officially opened yet. We have been put on a booking waitlist.
- **The Christmas social will be held Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **It will start at 6pm.**
  - This is to encourage all staff, students, and professors to attend.
- GSS:
  - There was a referendum considered pertaining to the fees paid by students for services from the society. Currently, part-time students pay half the fees that full time students do and have access to all the services. The motion to have a referendum to have part-time students pay the same as full-time students has passed.
  - This referendum opens on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a meeting with the library and all other societies. They gave some information about present support that the library has to offer and future plans for the library.
  - The library has support in place for researchers to publish in an open access journal. As well, they have more money for eBooks and journals if more need to be purchased.
  - There is a new online library system updated in May. The library is looking for feedback on this system. As well, they are trying to update their system so that it takes fewer clicks to get to papers.
  - The library is looking for feedback on the workshops led by the research commons.
  - Suggestions and feedback can be made on the library website.
  - The library wants to remind students that uploading published articles to shared websites is copyright infringement.

- There will be no social in November. Instead, there will be a moustache competition and bake sale on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Moustache competition: Each contender will have a jar. You can vote for a moustache by donating money in these jars. The person with the most money in their jar wins and all the money is donated to the Movember campaign.
  - As well there will be a bake sale. Members are encouraged to bring baked goods to sell.
  
- We plan to pay back the chemistry department \$10,000 before the year is over to decrease some of our debt to them.

### **Reimbursements**

- MOVED to pay Matt Deen \$28.96, out of the trust fund via cash for pumpkins and parking. 13.00 paid for parking and 15.96 paid for the pumpkins.

MOTION CARRIED

*Meeting concluded at 9:59.*