

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes September 7th, 2018

In attendance

Ali Nejatie (President), Garrett Muir (Secretary), Matthew Deen (Sports Representative), David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep), Curtis Gibbs (TSSU Representative), Audrey Taylor (GSS Representative), Heather Baroody (TSSU Representative), Tasleem Muzaffar (Information Coordinator, TSSU Representative).

Regrets

Joe Egan (Vice President), Nas Yousefi (Treasurer, TSSU Representative), Diego Martelino (Social Coordinator), Gregory MacNeil (Social Coordinator), Fatima Garcia (First Alternate GSS Rep.), Parisa Shiri (TSSU Representative), Cindy Wu (Alternate DGSC Rep), Xiaoyun Yuan (Kelsy) (TSSU Representative), David Guan (TSSU Representative).

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am in the Shrum Science Centre C7080.

Appointment of the Chair

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

Moved by: David Ester

Seconded by: Garrett Muir

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.

Moved by: Curtis Gibbs

Seconded by: Ali Nejatie

MOTION CARRIED.

Garrett Muir was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

News

- **Social**
 - There will be a social on September 13th from 5-7pm to welcome new graduate students in the department.
- The caucus is contacting industrial speakers.
 - We are looking for people from different places in industry.
 - This will be October 12th and will be paired with the recruitment and poster session.
- There are elections next week on the 14th.
- The caucus representative met with the chair.
 - Primarily about email that was sent out. The caucus is interested in something similar to the sexual harassment workshop that is mandatory for professors as well.
 - TA assignments were also discussed. The department is now aware of the issues and they will be looked in to.
 - Abolishing the GF was discussed.
 - As well, removing tuition for graduate students was discussed. The chair was receptive to this idea and is having a meeting with the new dean to discuss this idea as well.
- The caucus may be able to have a meeting with the person organizing the harassment seminar and can give them ideas for the seminar.
- **GSS**
 - The caucus can apply for GSS funding for the industrial speakers.

Reimbursement

- MOVED to reimburse Matthew Deen \$525 for booking the field for the frisbee social (\$225) and for the soccer social (\$300) via cheque requisition.

Moved by: Heather Baroody

Seconded by: Ali Nejatie

Abstention: Matthew Dean

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting concluded at 10:00 am.