

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

*Meeting Minutes*      June. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### ***In attendance***

Joe Egan (President), Ben Tiet (Secretary), Kelsey Duncan (Social Coordinator / GSS alternate), Victoria Rose (DGSC Alt., Social Coordinator), Cat McCaughey (DGSC Rep), Alexi Pauls (GSS representative).

### ***Regrets***

Garrett Muir (Social Coordinator), Gregory MacNeil (Social Coordinator), Parisa Shiri (TSSU rep.), David Guan (TSSU Rep.), David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep), Jefferson Pells (Social Coordinator, TSSU rep), Diego Martellino (Social Coordinator), Matthew Brown (Graduate Information Coordinator), Alexi Pauls (GSS representative), Albert Adserias (Sports Coordinator), Nas Yousefi (Vice-president, TSSU representative), Nicole LeGrow (GSS Alt. Rep, TSSU rep), Priya Balaraman (TSSU rep.), Yumeela Ganga-Sah (TSSU Rep.).

### **Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am in the Chemistry Chair Meeting Room

### **Appointment of the Chair**

- MOVED to appoint Joe Egan (President) as Chair for this meeting.

Moved by: Victoria Rose

Seconded by: Kelsey Duncan

MOTION CARRIED.

Joe Egan was appointed Chair for this meeting.

### **Appointment of the Secretary**

- MOVED to appoint Victoria Rose (Secretary) as Secretary for this meeting.

Moved by: Kelsey Duncan

Seconded by: Joe Egan

MOTION CARRIED.

Ben Tiet was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

## News

- Mentorship program - Cat reached out to Vance, having a caucus meeting with him soon, Cat will draft a presentation for mentors and the other required materials, word of mouth will be the best way to spread the word, Kelsey will post to social media. Joe will set a schedule and agenda for the meeting as a whole, if there are any items to add please let Joe know
- Elections Friday, Sept 13
- Industrial speakers: end of October, ask your PI about potential speakers to invite, look for a diverse range of speakers (outside the regular synthetic and analytical)
- Separate position to represent our caucus at meeting with the Dean, would make sense to tack it on to the DGSC rep, we will discuss further at a later date
- **Socials**
  - Softball, date (Friday, at least two weeks from now, earliest would be the 28th of June, likely July 5th as a tentative date)? Associated cost (\$400 or \$500?), alcohol will be served, we have two BBQs, we can use two of these and the two in the courtyard, and do a BBQ to minimize expenses, can cook food outside and bring it in where we are serving alcohol,
  - The following social will be soccer in August
- **GSS**
  - GSS grad student working group for student housing being put together (demands for rebuilding but at the same price point that there previously was, if you're interested in affordability of student housing contact the GSS to get involved), Kelsey will post to social media once we have more info.
  - Gondola project - translink and City of Burnaby, University is pushing it for safety, forecasting that there will be a gondola once every 90 to 30 sec, would replace the 143 and 145, can the gondola support the amount of travellers that regularly take these routes, helps for unpredictable winter weather, does it require personnel or will it be automated? Cost (increase of student transit fees and parking fees?), we want to see the concerns addressed but we are open as a caucus
  - Communications has brought up some issues with bullying and harassment - passing along Cat's contact to them, TSSU also has a bullying and harassment subcommittee
  - Upcoming GSS meeting - this coming Tuesday (June 11)
- **TSSU**
  - Today TSSU hosting hike to survive, to hike down the trails of the mountain in the event of an emergency
- **DGSC**
  - There will be a meeting held on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am*