

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes July. 26th, 2019

In attendance

Joe Egan (President), Nas Yousefi (Vice-president, TSSU representative), Alexi Pauls (GSS representative), Kelsey Duncan (Social Coordinator / GSS alternate), Diego Martellino (Social Coordinator), Victoria Rose (DGSC Alt., Social Coordinator).

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), Albert Adserias (Sports Coordinator), Yumeela Ganga-Sah (TSSU Rep.), Nicole LeGrow (GSS Alt. Rep, TSSU rep), Priya Balaraman (TSSU rep.), Matthew Brown (Graduate Information Coordinator), Ben Tiet (Secretary).

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: Nas Yousefi

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: Nas Yousefi

Seconded by: Joe Egan

MOTION CARRIED.

Ben Tiet was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

Moved to requisition a cheque to reimburse Joe Egan

- Moved to requisition a check for \$205 for Joseph Egan

Moved by: Nas Yousefi

Seconded by: Victoria Rose

MOTION CARRIED.

A cheque will be requisitioned to reimburse Joe Egan for social expenses.

News

- Kelsey was reimbursed \$94.25 in cash for coolers and wine
- Nas was reimbursed \$73.50 in cash for trays
- Joe - requisition \$205 from core for beer
- **Socials**
 - August 23 as possible date for next social.
 - Victoria will email Dr. Holdcroft and CC Albert and Joe
- **Mentorship**
 - Low attendance for the mentorship program meeting. We need to find people willing to mentor in 2 weeks otherwise we will not be able to run the program. 20 incoming students so we will need more mentors.
 - Cat and Joe will schedule another meeting with Vance.
 - We can have a more active role in orientation if we do not run the program.
- **GSS**
 - Meeting 2 weeks ago, SFU rep came and gave update for gondola, addressing the list of questions we had given, presenter didn't answer question whether or not the gondola will affect whether campus is open or closed. Translink based study on 145, projecting 25,000 riders each day. Expecting UniverCity to rise from 55k to 90k residents in the coming years. Environmental concerns (more carbon emission efficient than busses but no other info). Level of detail in nearly all answers was not adequate. There will likely be a vote shortly with regards to whether or not the GSS supports the project.
 - Housing working group really needs participants.
 - Space working group about the opening of the new student union building can also be joined by anyone who is interested.
 - New international student working group as well. Aims to bring awareness to issues affecting international students as well as bridge the gap between any existing services.
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- **TSSU**
 - Mark-a-thon for TAs. Food and coffee provided. Posters can be found around the chemistry building with more info.
- **DGSC**
 - *BASS funding - funding for poster, oral, GFs, comparable to last years amount, 20k for entrance, oral + poster 4k each, spring GFs 17, 20 for summer, 10k for CSC, this is also based on the number of incoming student smaller pool*
 - *BC scholarship available to students from BC who are from here*
 - *Qualifying semester before entering the program if you do not meet minimum requirements - established the rules, now clearly written in the minutes to ensure the policies are correct and clear.*
 - *Entrance scholarship (SEGS??) - for students entering the program with high GPAs NSERC qualifies, \$4000 or 5000 for one year on top of the stipend, based on supervisor nomination, eligibility? (does this apply for*

NSERC-quality international students? yes), discussion was mostly about faculty nominating their students

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.