

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes August. 2nd, 2019

In attendance

Joe Egan (President), Priya Balaraman (TSSU rep.), Alexi Pauls (GSS representative), Kelsey Duncan (Social Coordinator / GSS alternate), Victoria Rose (DGSC Alt., Social Coordinator), Albert Adserias (Sports 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), Diego Martellino (Social Coordinator), Yumeela Ganga-Sah (TSSU Rep.), Nicole LeGrow (GSS Alt. Rep, TSSU rep), Matthew Brown (Graduate Information Coordinator), Ben Tiet (Secretary), Nas Yousefi (Vice-president, TSSU representative), Cat McCaughey (DGSC 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: Kelsey Duncan

Seconded by: Victoria Rose

MOTION CARRIED.

Joe Egan was appointed Chair for this meeting.

Appointment of the Secretary

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

Moved by: Kelsey Duncan

Seconded by: Joe Egan

MOTION CARRIED.

Victoria Rose was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

- MOVED to appoint Priya as a Balaraman as a new Alternate GSS representative.

Moved by: Joe Egan

Seconded by: Alexi Pauls

MOTION CARRIED.

News

- Grad student run conference hosted in Banff, AB. Western Canadian conference including U of A and Calgary, lower mainland and Victoria. Department of Chem and Faculty of Science are sponsoring the event. Three sponsorship packages outlined in the document (Joe will send PDF), bronze level is \$500. Early bird registration ends Friday, Aug 2. \$350 for accommodations, breakfast and registration. After Aug. 2, the price is \$400. Need a decision on sponsorship as soon as possible (Ideally before the end of registration on September 13).
- Survey and workshops for bullying and harassment. Very receptive to our incentives and the steps we had initially taken. We as a caucus will not be hosting this workshop due to the expense. Dr. Williams agrees that it should be mandatory and needs to be taken seriously by the department. There is a canvas module that is currently available to staff that could be made available to graduate students. The department is willing to cover the expenses.
- Mentorship: we discussed that we will not be able to host due to a lack of participants. It is worthwhile to continue to pursue in the future.
- Scholarships: do you actually receive extra money if you get a small scholarship or is it deducted and your PI just pays less? Little attention has been put on the way that awards are dispersed. This is a conversation that students should have with their PI.
- **Socials**
 - Friday August 23, have secured date and started paperwork. GSS insurance to be submitted today pending confirmation from Dr. Ye.
- **GSS**
 - GSS meeting - August 6th (preferably by Monday at noon) is the deadline to add to the agenda, contact Kelsey if you need to bring anything forward. Meeting is August 13th.
- **TSSU**
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- **DGSC**
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Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.