

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

*Meeting Minutes*      August. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### ***In attendance***

Joe Egan (President), Ben Tiet (Secretary), Nas Yousefi (Vice-president, TSSU representative), Cat McCaughey (DGSC Rep), Diego Martellino (Social Coordinator), Albert Adserias (Sports Coordinator), Priya Balaraman (TSSU rep.), Alexi Pauls (GSS representative), Kelsey Duncan (Social Coordinator / GSS alternate).

### ***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), Yumeela Ganga-Sah (TSSU Rep.), Nicole LeGrow (GSS Alt. Rep, TSSU rep), Victoria Rose (DGSC Alt., Social Coordinator), Matthew Brown (Graduate Information Coordinator).

### **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: Ben Tiet

Seconded by: Nas Yousefi

MOTION CARRIED.

Joe Egan was appointed Chair for this meeting.

### **Appointment of the Secretary**

- MOVED to appoint Ben Tiet (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 sponsor BSOC as a caucus.

Moved by: Joe Egan

Seconded by: Nas Yousefi.

MOTION PASSED.

The caucus will sponsor the BSOC conference.

- MOVED to requisition a cheque for \$300 to sponsor BSOC.

Moved by: Nas Yousefi

Seconded by: Joe Egan

MOTION PASSED.

The caucus will requisition a cheque for \$300 to sponsor the BSOC conference.

## News

- The Chemistry Graduate Caucus will sponsor the BSOC conference.
- The meeting with the dean of science and the director of the student conduct office informed us that they are the office that deals with mental health issues, or high-tension cases. The bullying and harassment module will be activated for graduate students, and any associated costs with the harassment and bullying initiative will may be sponsored by this office. The representative of this office will look to inform what her office does at a departmental meeting.
- Letter of admission will now display the projected tuition costs.
- The parking office has denied the request for parking at off peak hours for graduate students.
- Departmental parking passes was also denied.
- 3 options have been pitched: using the loading zones during off peak hours given that the vehicle displays a decal showing that they are a graduate student, usage of the empty parking lot that is used for construction equipment, revisiting the shared passes but assigning them on a checkout basis (non license plate assigned passes).
- The ability to pay tuition in installments without a 2% tax will be looked into. We asked that they waive the 2%, an answer is tentative.
- **Socials**
  - The soccer social will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will rent the soccer field for \$300, and the food expenses will be increased to adjust for projected attendance. We may look to approach faculty for additional funding. We look not to charge for drinks this social.
  - The will be a welcome social that will be held at the start of the fall semester.

- **GSS**
  - There will be a tentative GSS meeting next week.
- **TSSU**
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- **DGSC**
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*Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.*