

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes November, 15th, 2019

In attendance

Albert Adserias (President), Victoria Rose (Secretary), Merissa Schneider-Coppolino (Treasurer), Alexi Pauls (GSS representative), Kelsey Duncan (DGSC representative), Imma Carbo (TSSU Representative), Victoria Brown (GSS Alternate 1), Ben Tiet (Social Coordinator).

Regrets

Yumeela Ganga-Sah (TSSU Representative), Nas Yousefi (TSSU Representative), Priya Balaraman (TSSU Representative), Elahe Tajbakhsh (TSSU Representative), Hailey Kim (Social Coordinator), Mi Win (Social Coordinator), Hannah Shumka (Social Coordinator)

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 10:32 am in the Chemistry Chair Meeting Room

Appointment of the Chair

- MOVED to appoint Albert Adserias as Chair for this meeting.

Moved by: Kelsey Duncan

Seconded by: Victoria Rose

MOTION CARRIED.

Albert Adserias was appointed Chair for this meeting.

Appointment of the Secretary

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

Moved by: Alexi Pauls

Seconded by: Albert Adserias

MOTION CARRIED.

Victoria Rose was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

Discussion and Action

- MOTION to elect Ben Tiet as Social Coordinator.

Moved by: Alexi Pauls

Seconded by: Kelsey Duncan

MOTION CARRIED.

- MOTION to elect Victoria Rose as Vice President.

Moved by: Albert Adseria

Seconded by: Kelsey Duncan

MOTION CARRIED.

- MOTION to elect Victoria Brown as Secretary.

Moved by: Albert Adseria

Seconded by: Kelsey Duncan

MOTION CARRIED.

- MOTION to elect Kelsey Duncan as GSS Alternate 2.

Moved by: Alexi Pauls

Seconded by: Ben Tiet

MOTION CARRIED.

News

- There have been several changes in caucus positions. For reference, the current list of caucus positions are as follows:
 - President: Albert Adserias
 - Vice President: Victoria Rose
 - Treasurer: Merissa Schneider-Coppolino
 - Secretary: Victoria Brown
 - DGSC Representative: Kelsey Duncan
 - GSS Councillor: Alexi Pauls
 - Alternate 1: Victoria Brown
 - Alternate 2: Kelsey Duncan
 - TSSU Representatives: Nas Youseffi, Imma Carbo, Yumeela Ganga-Sah, Priya Balaraman, Elahe Tajbakhsh
 - Social Coordinators: Ben Tiet, Hailey Kim, Hanna Shumka, Mi Win
 - Social Media and Website/Graduate Info Coordinator: Victoria Rose
- GSS Updates
 - Presentation on sense of belonging at SFU (The student experience initiative): Alexi brought up parking pass issues as we had previously discussed, others brought up feeling overworked, affordability, issues for international students such as not being eligible for most grants, and the lack of SFU to really look for meaningful feedback and act accordingly
 - Presentation on how GSS funding works – Core funding is allotted per fiscal year from September to August. In the event that there is unused funding in excess of 50% of the core funding amount for that fiscal year, the caucus must motion to transfer 100% of the remaining core funds to the trust and this must be recorded in the minutes
 - Caucus grants are also available to assist in covering expenses for hosting events such as conferences, industrial speakers etc.
 - There will be an update of U Pass contract coming soon
 - Caucus contacts need to be updated on the GSS website

- Holiday Social
 - Tentative dates for hosting the event: Friday, December 13th or Thursday, December 12th
 - Ideal venues: Club Ilia or The Study
 - The event will be semiformal
 - A meal will be served
 - Info about last year's social will be passed on to current social coordinators (date, time, venue, ticket price, door prize, organizational emails, expenses and promotional materials)
 - Social Coordinators and Treasurer should work together to create a budget for this event
 - Entertainment will consist of trivia or music bingo, etc. This will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.
- Caucus meeting time will remain weekly on Fridays from 10:30 to 11:00 am

Action Items

Item	Owner	Status	Notes
Create poll for new meeting time next semester	Albert	Closed	Meeting time will remain weekly at Friday at 10:30
DGSC feedback	All	Open	Provide any feedback regarding thesis defences, committee meetings and this year's poster competition, and the CHEM 801/2/8 courses to Kelsey via Slack or email
GSS feedback	All	Closed	Provide feedback regarding graduate student life at SFU to Alexi via Slack
Send information about GSS funding to Merissa	Alexi	Open	By Friday, November 15
Post letter from GSS to SFU to Slack	Alexi	Open	By end of day on Friday, November 15
Provide feedback on above letter on Slack	All	Open	
Update GSS contacts	Victoria Rose	Open	
Contact Club Ilia and The Study as venues for Holiday Social	Ben Tiet	Open	Urgent!!
Send information regarding last year's holiday social to social coordinators	Victoria Rose	Open	Urgent!!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.