**Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University**

*Meeting Minutes* March16th, 2018

*In attendance*

Ali Nejatie (President), Joe Egan (Vice President), Nas Yousefi (Treasurer, TSSU Representative), Garrett Muir (Secretary), Ania Sergeenko (DGSC Representative, TSSU Representative), Gregory MacNeil (Social Coordinator), Audrey Taylor (GSS Representative), Parisa Shiri (TSSU Representative), Curtis Gibbs (TSSU Representative) Matthew Deen (Sports Representative), Fatima Garcia (First Alternate GSS Rep.).

*Regrets*

Diego Martelino (Social Coordinator), David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep), Cindy Wu (Alternate DGSC Rep), Tasleem Muzaffar (Information Coordinator, TSSU Representative), Heather Baroody (TSSU Representative), Xiaoyun Yuan (Kelsy) (TSSU Representative), David Guan (TSSU Representative).

**Call to Order**

* Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am in the Shrum Science Centre C7080.

**Appointment of the Chair**

* MOVED to appoint Ali Nejatie (President) as Chair for this meeting.

Moved by: Garrett Muir

Seconded by: Joe Egan

MOTION CARRIED.

Ali Nejatie was appointed Chair for this meeting.

**Appointment of the Secretary**

* MOVED to appoint Garrett Muir (Secretary) as Secretary for this meeting.

Moved by: Gregory MacNeil

Seconded by: Nas Yousefi

MOTION CARRIED.

Garrett Muir was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

**News**

* **Games Night Social**
  + The total cost of the social was $817.33.
  + It cost the caucus 417.33 because Dr. Merbouh sponsored $400 of the social
* The speaker invited by the caucus will be invited in the spring of 2019.
  + The caucus is putting together a list of candidates and this list will be finalized next week.
* **Next social: Dodgeball social**
  + The caucus is looking into dates for the next social. The gym will need to be booked and the dates will be determined by the gym booking.
* Dr. Robert Grubbs will be here on March 28th. The caucus will host refreshments after the talk from about 4pm – 8pm.
  + There needs to be volunteers to serve.
* **GSS**
  + At this meeting the choices for the director review were discussed.
    - The money that will pay for this will come out of the $28,000 legal fund as this is a legal issue and will not cost graduate students any more.
    - Members were concerned about how many years this would be valid for. They want to ensure it can be used for at least 10 years.
    - The society does not want to use reviewers from SFU in order to keep the process separate.
    - The society will likely choose the most expensive one as this will be the most comprehensive.
    - This review could also include a review of the entire executive structure of the GSS. This could be written into the initial contract.
  + The health plan stats were presented. There was roughly about one million in claims, many students are using this plan, and it has been a very stable plan.
    - The society will ask about a fee increase by 1%, which is the max increase per year.
    - There were questions related to travel insurance: there is at least 5 million in travel insurance, but if a student ends up going to a different country, this insurance ends.
  + The nomination period for executive positions in ongoing.
* **DGSC**
  + There was no meeting last week and no contact about rescheduling.
  + There were 15 questions from the GSS mega-survey that will be used in the survey the caucus presents to the DGSC.
    - The caucus would like to choose 10 more questions specifically related to the department.
      * These questions could include questions about the person filling out the survey so that results could be put in terms of demographic.
    - SFU is hiring a new dean of science. The caucus is meeting with the candidates and bringing up these issues with them as well.
    - The questions chosen from the GSS survey will be put on slack.
* **Pi Day Social**
  + The cost of the social was $116.76 total. There was $100 in gifts, $50 from the caucus, $50 from department. The caucus spent $16.76 on plates and forks.

**Reimbursement**

* MOVED to reimburse Ali Nejatie $934.09 via cheque requisition for the games night social ($817.33) and the Pi Day Social ($116.76)

Moved by: Joe Egan

Seconded by: Garrett Muir

Abstentions: Ali Nejatie

MOTION CARRIED.

*Meeting concluded at 10:00 am.*