**Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University**

*Meeting Minutes* March 8th, 2018

*In attendance*

Ali Nejatie (President), Garrett Muir (Secretary), Ania Sergeenko (DGSC Representative, TSSU Representative), Gregory MacNeil (Social Coordinator), Diego Martelino (Social Coordinator), David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep).

*Regrets*

Joe Egan (Vice President), Nas Yousefi (Treasurer, TSSU Representative), Audrey Taylor (GSS Representative), Parisa Shiri (TSSU Representative), Curtis Gibbs (TSSU Representative), Matthew Deen (Sports Representative), Cindy Wu (Alternate DGSC Rep), Tasleem Muzaffar (Information Coordinator, TSSU Representative), Heather Baroody (TSSU Representative), Fatima Garcia (First Alternate GSS Rep.), Xiaoyun Yuan (Kelsy) (TSSU Representative), David Guan (TSSU Representative).

**Call to Order**

* Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm 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: Gregory MacNeil

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: Ali Nejatie

Seconded by: Ania Sergeenko

MOTION CARRIED.

Garrett Muir was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

**News**

* **Survey**
  + The caucus will put out a survey of student experience to provide more information to the DGSC.
    - There will be gift cards to incentivise people to take the survey.
    - The caucus will also use some questions from the GSS questionnaire.
* **GSS**
  + The review of executive director still ongoing. The society is still gathering quotes for agencies who will preform an external review of the director. The presentation of these quotes is on the agenda for the next meeting.
    - The quotes for the three agencies being presented are approximately $4000, $6000, and $9500. While this is supposed to be just for the executive director, the caucus representative will ask if others can be reviewed to get more out of the money being spent.
    - The caucus representative will also ask if the university has methods in place to review people and how much that would cost.
    - This position gets reviewed every 6 months, so this is intended to be used for many of these reviews.
  + There is a housing development project coming up, which will be in the area across from Nesters.
    - The target of this project is graduate student housing. This is being run by a third party who is both trying to ensure it becomes affordable housing for graduate students and is used mainly by graduate students.
  + There was a big review of food services by SFSS and complaints have shown up about the food services. The caucus representative will inquire about including graduate student feedback as well.
  + At the next meeting, the chief safety officer will be presenting.
  + Graduate students may have opportunities to sit on committees as part of the GSS. There is more information on the website.
* **Social**
  + The Pi day e-mail has been sent out. The caucus will encourage people to cook pies. There will be prizes: likely $50 for first place, $30 for second, and $20 for third. The department is willing to split the costs of this social.
  + There is a games night social on March 9th in the GSS lounge.

*Meeting concluded at 1:29 pm.*