

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes May 18th, 2018

In attendance

Ali Nejatie (President), Joe Egan (Vice President), Nas Yousefi (Treasurer, TSSU Representative), Garrett Muir (Secretary), Gregory MacNeil (Social Coordinator), Fatima Garcia (First Alternate GSS Rep.), David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep), Parisa Shiri (TSSU Representative), Diego Martelino (Social Coordinator), Matthew Deen (Sports Representative).

Regrets

Ania Sergeenko (DGSC Representative, TSSU Representative), Audrey Taylor (GSS Representative), Curtis Gibbs (TSSU Representative), 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: 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: Matthew Deen

MOTION CARRIED.

Garrett Muir was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

News

- The caucus has received confirmation that speaker will be here on March 20th to give a talk.

- **Social**
 - The softball social will be on the 15th of June. The caucus representative will book the baseball field.
 - July will be ultimate frisbee. The social could also be a golf or frisbee golf social.

- **Lab Coat sales**
 - Most people are buying them from the chem office.
 - The caucus's lab coats are different than the ones in stores, but they are buttoned and cuffed, and better quality.

- **TSSU**
 - June 12th is the TSSU day. Posters will be put up advertising this. There will be free lunch and dinner and the union will have the second general meeting after this.
 - There are two conferences in New York and California in August that the union wants members to attend – they will also pay for the trip.
 - The conferences are intended to familiarize union members with their options and contacts.
 - A written paragraph about why you are going to these conferences is required.
 - To apply, you must be a union member.
 - There are online applications.
 - The union is also going to talk to each department about how they are treating their teaching staff. The intention is to help people be more aware of how their staff should be treated.

- **Survey**
 - The caucus can spend money to add more questions if needed – or use a different free survey website.
 - Currently, the caucus is using SurveyMonkey.

Meeting concluded at 10:03 am.