

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2013

MBB Lounge 6000-Level

In Attendance:

Alisa Paterson (Secretary), Brandy Kinhead (DGSC Representative), Danielle Wilson (GSS Councillor/Grad Info Coordinator), Reagan Belan (Vice-President/TSSU Steward)

Guest:

Rachel Ashley

Regrets:

Venugopal Challa (TSSU Steward), Hope Fan (Sports Representative), Kenny Lin (Treasurer), Graeme Suppes (TSSU Steward), Michael Jones (President), Nevena Cekic (Social Coordinator)

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM in the MBB 6000-level lounge.

2. Appointment of the Chair

- **MOVED** to appoint Reagan Belan as Chair for this meeting.
Moved by: Alisa Paterson
Seconded by: Danielle Wilson
MOTION CARRIED.
- Reagan Belan (Vice President) was appointed Chair for this meeting.

3. Appointment of the Secretary

- **MOVED** to appoint Alisa Paterson (Secretary) as Secretary for this meeting.
Moved by: Brandy Kinhead
Seconded by: Reagan Belan
MOTION CARRIED.
- Alisa Paterson (Secretary) was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

- **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2013 Chemistry Graduate Caucus meeting.
Moved by: Danielle Wilson
Seconded by: Brandy Kinhead
MOTION CARRIED.

5. Fundraising

- The shipment of lab coats has arrived. Monica Szczepina has requested that a member of the caucus go to the SFU Surrey campus on Tuesday September 3 to sell lab coats to Surrey students. Jacob Spooner offered to bring lab coats to the

Surrey campus. Belan (VP/TSSU Rep) volunteered for Surrey fundraising. Labs are at 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 3:30 pm.

- Caucus members who have not yet signed up for fundraising shifts should do so as soon as their availability is known.

6. New Student Orientation

- The Caucus discussed potential dates and times for the New Graduate Student Orientation for the fall semester. Thursday September 5th or Friday September 6th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm were suggested. Kinhead (DGSC Rep) will speak to Rob Britton about his availability. Melissa Roth (TSSU Organizer) will be invited to this event.

7. TSSU Update

- The TSSU will be launching a membership survey in the near future, which will provide input for the next round of bargaining.
- There will be an awareness campaign about the mandatory medical insurance plan for international students, as it violates the collective agreement.
- TA/TM day is on Friday September 6 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

8. GSS Update

- A new budget was passed.
- There is an increased amount of funding for Professional Development Grants.

9. Annual General Meeting

- The Caucus will need to have its AGM and elections in September. The week of September 16th was proposed.
- The Caucus will determine if the keg beer from the last event is still good. It was proposed that this beer could possibly be served at the AGM.

10. Adjournment

- **MOVED** to conclude the meeting.
Moved by: Alisa Paterson
Seconded by: Brandy Kinhead
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting concluded at 11:34 AM.