

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes March 2nd, 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).

Regrets

Diego Martelino (Social Coordinator), David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep), 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 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: Nas Yousefi

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: Ali Nejatie

Seconded by: Joe Egan

MOTION CARRIED.

Garrett Muir was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

News

- The CSC executive chair has encouraged different chemistry societies to have joint events. As well, they have funding to support events which incorporate learning and social activities. The caucus is considering doing a joint social with the UBC chemistry society that may be funded by CSC.
- **Social**
 - Dr. Nabyl Merbouh has given then caucus \$400 for the upcoming social which will be used to fund food and drinks for the social.
 - Pi Day is coming up and the caucus will host a contest for it. Pi day is on a Wednesday, but the event will be celebrated on Friday the 16th. There will be a pie baking competition at the coffee social Friday morning. An e-mail will be sent out containing details about this.
- **DGSC**
 - Issues
 - There has be no schedule for increases in pay.
 - As well, the website does not adequately show the stipend.
 - The DGSC representative has been invited to the meetings and will ask for more involvement and to see the agenda ahead of time.
 - The committee wants the caucus to develop the survey.
 - The caucus will develop questions that adequately show student experience. As well, the caucus wants to encourage participation in the survey. This can be done through word of mouth and a prize draw for doing the survey.
 - The caucus will also have a suggestion box for student issues that could be brought up in the survey. This will be located at the next social.
 - As well, issues with TA appointments being assigned can be brought up in the survey.
 - The caucus representative will ask the committee about obtaining the package of the research into the stipend increase.

Reimbursement

- MOVED to reimburse Gregory MacNeil \$25 for the liquor licence for the previous social.

Moved by: Ali Nejatie

Seconded by: Garrett Muir

Abstentions: Gregory MacNeil.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting concluded at 10:06 am