

## **Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University**

*Meeting Minutes*      August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

### *In attendance*

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

### *Regrets*

Audrey Taylor (GSS Representative), Heather Baroody (TSSU Representative), Parisa Shiri (TSSU Representative), Cindy Wu (Alternate DGSC Rep), Tasleem Muzaffar (Information Coordinator, 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: Nas Yousefi

Seconded by: Diego Martelino

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

- **Socials**
  - There will be a social on September 13<sup>th</sup> to welcome the incoming graduate students. The department will be funding most of the social (\$700).
  - There also may be games at the social! Ideas bounced around are: Jenga, bean bag toss.
- The departmental email about the harassment workshop is what the caucus has been planning to ask the department about. A caucus representative will meet with him to see if we can do anything else.
  - The workshop will be held at the same time as orientation.
  - As well, the representative will bring up issues with TA assignments and our idea to make the workshop mandatory.
- The caucus may be asked to show students around the department for orientation. We would need volunteers for that.
- **TSSU**
  - The caucus representative will try to get the TA list.
  - On the TSSU website, there is a logbook to keep track of the hours you're working just to make sure you are under the hours assigned to you. You can submit this at the end of the year to the TSSU and be entered to win a cash prize.
  - There is also a TA/TM day coming up next Friday run by the TSSU which all members are encouraged to come to.
  - There will also be a solidarity campaign with the TSSU for the chemistry department. They want to hear about issues with TAing in the department.
  - You can also become a TSSU member which is a stipend position (TSSU steward). There are 3 meetings a semester and the chemistry department is often underrepresented. You are eligible if you have been a TA as late as 2 semesters previously.
  - The union has focus groups to discuss TA issues because they are working on new language for their collective agreement with the university.
- There will be lab coats sales next week. The caucus is looking for more volunteers. There is a need for help on Tuesday at the Surrey campus, which will be a full day commitment.
- The caucus will investigate better promotion of elections for next year. This will be presented at orientation and the next social. These will be at the end of September.
  - The plan is to have the same number of positions, however there could be a change in the TSSU steward positions.

- As well, the caucus could introduce a member-at-large position or more social representative positions in order to increase the number of volunteers at events.

### **Reimbursement**

- MOVED to reimburse Matthew Deen \$525 for booking the field for the frisbee social (\$225) and for the soccer social (\$300).

Moved by: Nas Yousefi

Seconded by: David Ester

Abstention: Matthew Deen

MOTION CARRIED.

*Meeting concluded at 10:00 am.*