

Chemistry Graduate Association at Simon Fraser University

Meeting Minutes Nov. 16th, 2018

In attendance

Joe Egan (President), Nas Yousefi (Vice-president, TSSU representative), Ben Tiet (Secretary), Ali Netajie (Treasurer, DGSC rep), Cat McCaughey (DGSC Rep), Nicole LeGrow (GSS Alt. Rep, TSSU rep), Alexi Pauls (GSS representative), David Guan (TSSU Rep.), Victoria Rose (DGSC Alt., Social Coordinator), Matthew Brown (Graduate Information Coordinator), Albert Adserias (Sports Coordinator), Jefferson Pells (Social Coordinator, TSSU rep.), Kelsey Duncan (Social Coordinator / GSS alternate).

Regrets

Diego Martellino (Social Coordinator), Garrett Muir (Social Coordinator), Gregoy MacNeil (Social Coordinator), David Ester (Second Alternate GSS Rep), Yumeela Ganga-Sah (TSSU Rep.), Parisa Shiri (TSSU rep.).

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am in the Chemistry chair meeting room.

Appointment of the Chair

- MOVED to appoint Joe Egan (President) as Chair for this meeting.

Moved by: Matthew Brown

Seconded by: Ali Nejatie

MOTION CARRIED.

Joe Egan was appointed Chair for this meeting.

Appointment of the Secretary

- MOVED to appoint Ben Tiet (Secretary) as Secretary for this meeting.

Moved by: Ali Nejatie

Seconded by: Joe Egan

MOTION CARRIED.

Ben Tiet was appointed Secretary for this meeting.

News

Content of survey questions were approved. It was a unanimous decision by the Chem Grad Caucus.

There clarification paragraphed was also approved. This was a unanimous decision by the Chem Grad Caucus.

Alexi Pauls was reimbursed \$35 in cash for Serving it Right! Certification.

- **Social**
 - Serving shifts will be polled for the Movember social.
 - Christmas socials has a tentative date of Dec. 7th or Dec. 14th. A survey will be held to see when the best date is. This social is currently barred by venue options.
- **GSS**
 - They spoke about the union formation, but it seems graduate students are being excluded. You will only be included in this union if you wish to do work outside your thesis.
 - International graduate student fees is dependant on department. There will be an anonymous survey to collect information about the tuition increase. In the Chem department the domestic and international tuition fee will increase by the same amount (not clear if this increase pertains to dollar value or percent equivalency).
 - There is a working group forming to discuss funds. Anyone can join this group.
- **TSSU**
 - TA applications has a section in which you write down the name of your supervisor. This is currently a violation of a agreement as a TA job is not the same as the RA job. This section should be removed.
 - People traveling between Surrey and Burnaby campus should be provided a travel allowance.
 - There was discussion of formation of a union between the RA's ad PDFs.
- **DGSC**
 - From November 6th meeting, there is a student who wants to do a degree in Chem education, but there is no longer a program for this. There is current discussion on how this will work for anyone who wishes to take on this program.
 - There is a 15k entrance scholarship with specific requirements that is very vague. It seems that there is the ongoing discussion on how this scholarship will work.
 - There is a lot of graduate fellowships this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.