

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY

Minutes for April 7, 2014 Council Meeting

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: D211

**1. Call To Order:** 12:01 PM

a. **Members Present:** Emily, Nicole, Amber, Gabriele, Ese, Hessam, Stephen, Nick, Chris, Kyle, Guillaume, Elise, Jessica, Erin, Sarah

**2. Discussion**

2.1 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approval by Gabriel, seconded by Erin

2.2 SoCo Report

a) Post-exam bar outing

- Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Bar ideas: Gargoyle's, Coppertank, Dentry's, Displace, the Cove, Colony
- Vickie (1<sup>st</sup> year rep) will decide and e-mail grad list

b) 2<sup>nd</sup> GSS event (money needs to be spent by May 1<sup>st</sup>!)

- Have an easter egg hunt at the chemistry building followed by an event at the GSS building? (No)
- Keep it simple: Koerner's, April 25<sup>th</sup>, use whatever money is left as a tab for appetizers and drinks

c) Easter Breakfast April 17<sup>th</sup>

- \$250 budget
- Emily and Guillaume will take care of recipe and prep, food, supplies
- Chris in charge of coffee
- Kyle will bring griddle
- Erin will cook

- Need additional volunteers for set-up and clean-up.  
Amber will send out an e-mail
  - From approx 830-1030 am
- d) Stressbusters
- May 9
  - Hawaiian-themed? Could see if we could get the coconut drinks again
  - Get a slush-drink machine?

### **3. Miscellaneous**

#### a) WildSide Brewery Tour

- This is the best option for a brewery tour. 3-3.5 hours starting at 1 pm. Chauffeured private bus, tour guide, 3 brewery visits, snacks, lots of tastings. Regularly 70\$/pp but they have discounted to 50/pp for us specially.
- With a CGSS discount of 15/pp, this brings it to half price. There is also a limit of 20 people.
- Should put it for mid-late June
- Deposit has to be made first to secure a date

#### b) CGSS Website

- Draft is done and website is ready to go live.
- Should we add in a section that involves a guide to being a first-year grad student? Jess has already created an FAQ that addresses some health insurance/forms/other paperwork that is often confusing to navigate
- Include some kind of financial statement on website? Shouldn't be too detailed if it is public, but maybe include a general year-end statement

#### c) Summer Sports

- GSS league does soccer and baseball. An e-mail should be sent out about sign up and deadlines
- UBC rec leagues get more expensive in the summer. In the past, rec teams that have been 80+% chemistry have been subsidized at 10\$/team member. However, this year no rec league was advertized to everyone in

chemistry, it was all done privately. Is it fair to subsidize these teams?

- We need a way to gather people who want to play on a team but don't know each other/don't know the correct person to contact.
- Essentially, we need a chemistry team coordinator who would be responsible for forming/coordinating new teams, filling spots on existing teams, and making sure sports opportunities subsidized by us are advertised to all grad students. It would make sense for the sports rep to do this in conjunction with the webmaster so all the info can be kept up-to-date online
- We also need to be very explicit about registration deadlines
- Conclusion for subsidies this summer: no subsidies will be offered because teams and subsidies were not advertised to all students. Re-institute subsidies for next summer.

#### **4. GSS Report**

- a) They are thinking about changing the way we get our "free" money from them, ie loosening the restrictions on it.

#### **5. Union Report**

- a) Union is really looking to connect with more members. One way they are doing that is by hosting students at Koerner's on Wednesday afternoons (5ish) with free beer.
- b) Looking for more ideas, especially because collective bargaining is coming up soon.

**Adjourned at 1 pm**