

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY

Minutes for April 1, 2015 Council Meeting

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: D211

1. Call To Order: 12:32 PM

Members Present: Ese, Jess, Kyle, Valerie, Rebecca, Debbie, Kelsi, Andrew, Erin, Sarah, Miguel, Andrea, Vickie, Nick

Members Absent: Chris

2. Minutes: approved by Val; seconded by Kelsi

3. Discussion:

3.1 SoCo Report

a) St. Patrick's Day Stressbuster summary:

- Poorly attended but fun
- Didn't go through either keg (get less beer next time, either one big and one small (50 and 30 L) or one big keg and cans of beer)
- Money better tracked through use of iPad (usual loss of \$800 overall, but took in the right amount based on attendance)

b) International Food Night summary:

- Lots of food, mostly those who cooked attended, some physicists attended
- Nice venue (has lots of amenities e.g. bar and patio)
- Needs to be better advertised
- Maybe have some drinks at the next one?

- c) Easter Pancake Breakfast:
 - April 2
 - Supplies are ready
 - Will have bacon
 - Need another volunteer between 9 and 10 a.m. (Sarah)

- d) First Year Post Exam Bar Outing event:
 - Need to discuss funds with Chris
 - Need date and a bar

- e) Physics GSS Stressbuster:
 - Emails have been sent out, and set up is ok
 - Will do \$5 for 3 drink tickets like us
 - Will have bartender
 - May need people to help sell tickets, and serve beer if there is a rush at the beginning, plus help with set up/take down
 - Runs from 7:30 p.m. – 2 a.m.
 - Don't know if they got GSS funding but we did
 - Have \$200 to get pop and snacks; Sarah will drive them over

- f) Discussion on how to increase stressbuster attendance:
 - Plan to ask department for ideas for events, etc.
 - Reduce number of stressbusters in second term?
 - Have posters to advertise
 - Need to encourage whole department to attend, although if undergrads go, need to ID people
 - Should co-ordinate with undergrads so not as many bunched up events
 - Maybe push one stressbusters into May
 - Maybe incorporate some other event into each stressbusters (e.g. international food night, brew off, etc.)
 - Will have notes for next years' SoCos and plan to clean and organize the storage locker

3.2 Miscellaneous

- a) Graduation Citation meeting:
 - Encourage people to check out CGSS website resources about it
 - Elizabeth Wallace is very nice and helpful

- b) Summer Sports:
 - Sun Run coming up
 - Kyle will send an e-mail about summer sports a bit later
 - Considering different games to attend, such as a Canadians game, or soccer
 - August softball in the chem department
 - Maybe organize a chem department soccer game for June?

- c) Summer Activities Ideas:
 - Bard on the Beach
 - Beach Day (a bigger event at Jericho with a BBQ)?
 - Need to have BBQ practice (May)

- d) Other:
 - Want to put up CGSS group photos and sports teams photos on the wall in the grad lounge
 - E-mail Nick with anything you want put on the website (events, pics, etc.)

3.3 GSS Report

- GSS is going to separate from the AMS
- Changes fee structure a bit, and there is more voting to do
- End goal is to remove AMS fees (\$170) for grad students, and increase GSS fees (from approx. \$50 to \$80)

3.4 Union report

- Union is figuring out what to bargain for

- Reps will send another e-mail to remind chem grads about agreement since exams are approaching

Adjourned at 1:24 pm.