

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY

Minutes for November 26, 2014 Council Meeting

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: D211

**1. Call To Order:** 12:33 PM

**Members Present:** Ese, Nick, Jess, Andrew, Kyle, Valerie, Rebecca, Miguel, Vickie, Debbie, Kelsi, Chris, Kaylyn, Andrea, Emiliya

**2. Minutes:** approved by Kelsi; seconded by Kyle

**3. Discussion:**

3.1 SoCo Report

a) icicle raffles: sold during coffee time, and tickets will be drawn at the end of coffee time so winners will be announced

b) gingerbread houses: supplies have been handed out, and houses will be judged during coffee time tomorrow

3.2 Skits

- there is a volunteer sign up sheet; please e-mail Ese about volunteering if you have not yet signed up

- skits will be held next Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 12:45 p.m. in B250

- encourage people to be willing to participate in the live skit: Are You Smarter Than a First Year

3.3 Miscellaneous Events

a) Prospective Grads Recruitment Days:

- first one: January 23, and students are usually taken to a Two Bucks a Beaker event or a Stressbusters, but it's difficult to round

people up for the dinner, so maybe we can have a meet and greet drinks with faculty and CGSS for students before the dinner

- January 30 (or early Feb) may be the Brew Off Stressbusters held with Physics
- Feb will maybe have a non-Valentine's Stressbusters
- March 20 and January 16 are the Two Bucks a Beaker events
- March 13 or 27 will be the St. Patrick's Day Stressbuster which may coincide with a prospective grad student visit
- note: only two liquor licenses for the department per month

b) Whistler Trip:

- held in the new year, maybe Jan 30 or Feb 6
- date needs to be decided so can get some accommodations booked (keeping in mind midterm marking)
- plan to subsidize accommodations (for two nights) for each student (\$50 - \$100/student)
- students plan own transportation and skiing if desired
- maybe have group dinner Sat night

c) First Year Post-Marking Outing:

- Koerner's on Dec 10 after marking that day
- Debbie will send e-mails

d) Grad Student Forum:

- on Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in D300
- agenda: career advice for graduates (industry and academia), making extra money & 5<sup>th</sup> year tuition, decrease PhD time from 5 years to 4, upgrade grad courses (like 540), TA workload, purpose of guidance committee, comp exams, update chemical inventory online, open communications between department and grad students, TA evals, exit interview for graduating grad students
- should last 1 – 1.5 hours
- encourage group members and friends to attend
- there will be coffee and donuts

### 3.4 January Lab Manual Sales

- selling Chem 123 manuals
- must sell during evenings (5-7:30 p.m.) for two weeks
- will have POS system and taking credit cards
- held in B250 and B150
- need 3 people/day
- Chris will send volunteer e-mail in early Dec

### 3.5 GSS Report

- Dec 12 is the due date for the centennial money application – need to chat with SoCos about possible events

### 3.6 Union report

- some discussion about professor generated TA evals

### 3.7 Other

- Sun Run: 10k run in downtown Vancouver in April, Chem team? (subsidize \$15 for race for department), Chris will send an e-mail
- international food night – after x-mas, maybe with physics or bio

**Adjourned at 1:20 pm.**