

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY

Minutes for November 5, 2014 Council Meeting

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: D211

**1. Call To Order:** 12:32 PM

- a. **Members Present:** Ese, Jess, Andrew, Kyle, Valerie, Rebecca, Miguel, Vickie, Nick, Debbie, Kelsi, Erin

2. Minutes approved by Valerie; seconded by Kyle

**3. Discussion**

3.1 Minutes on website

- voted yes

3.2 Charity choice

- decided on WAVAW as second charity

3.3 Grad Student Forum

- a) will possibly be held before the end of November
- b) some discussion points include PhDs typically taking 5 years while tuition is only paid for 4, issues with TA availability, and chemical inventory
- c) would like more open communication between faculty and grad students
- d) Ese will chat with Fryzuk on Friday

3.4 Science Achievement Award nominations

- a) can be staff, faculty, or students
- b) nominations go through Fryzuk

c) if want to nominate anyone who you think has gone above and beyond, let Ese know, but nominations are due by Friday

### 3.5 SoCo report

a) Nobel Prize 50/50

- went well

b) Mole Day

- went well

c) Pumpkin Carving Contest

- was a hit

d) Hallowe'en Stressbusters

- thanks to everyone who helped out
- e-mails about events should be sent more promptly

e) Webmaster Nick will set up a google doc for the CGSS to help better organize volunteers

f) Possible upcoming events:

- inter-departmental grad student mixer party, held in January as a back to school party, at the GSS ballroom
- Brew-Off at GSS ballroom, compensate brewers, may be some liability and policy issues with serving home-made beer and having a beer-centric event (may incorporate with International Food Night); Erin will chat with RCMP concerning liability

### 3.6 GSS report

a) if there are any questions about organizing events through the GSS, please speak to Rebecca

### 3.7 Union report

a) new executives were elected

b) this is a big year due to contract re-negotiation

### 3.8 Skits

a) meeting tomorrow (Thurs Nov. 6) at 1 p.m. in grad lounge

b) outlines should be done, hope to start filming this week (would like films done by Nov. 24)

- c) Webmaster Nick will set up a google doc for camcorder booking times
- d) Ese will get some SD cards, and there are 3 tri-pods available
- e) Windows Movie Maker easy to use to edit videos and works well with phone videos
- f) volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up
- g) liquor license needed for B250
- h) prizes: \$100 lunch for funniest skit, and live-action contest skit will have small gift card prizes

**Adjourned at 1:20 pm.**