

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY

Minutes for December 4, 2015 Council Meeting

Time: 14:30

Location: D211

1. Call To Order: 14:31

Members Present: Isaac, Jess, Val, Rebecca, Debbie, Kelsi, Phillip, Erin E, Ese, Ryan, Crystal, Tom, Trevor

Members Absent: Erin C, Carlos, Namrata, Maria, Nick, Kyle

Also Present: Andy (UCS Rep)

2. Approval of Minutes: approved by Rebecca, seconded by Erin E

3. Discussion and Planning/Organization of Events

a.) Biochemistry pub-crawl receipts

- Debbie would like to be informed of spending under \$100
- For over \$100, cgss needs to be informed (usually events held means people are 'notified')
- Debbie is uncomfortable with re-imbursing for the biochem pub crawl since there was additional cost (\$120 to biochem and \$120 for chemist drinks at Copper Tank paid by Nick)
- Debbie wants documentation/receipts for money to biochem (photocopies of receipts and list of chem attendees)
- For future events, it was suggested that the treasurer be notified and cost kept to under \$100
- Vote to re-imburse biochem when an invoice is received: passed
- Vote to re-imburse Nick: motion by Tom, second by Isaac, passed

b.) CGSS Logo

- Want one for shirts etc. and branding for CGSS
- Likely will be handled by Maria
- Should be grad student inspired but professionally done so we can keep using it on everything

c.) Lab Manual Sales

- No 123 manual (will see how it goes at start of year and maybe order later but that is up to Sammis)
- Will have some books and equipment so should not be a lot of work

d.) Opinion of 2BABs

- Done with bio undergrads
- Long line (keg pump broke)
- Good music
- Change for tickets needed
- Seeing tickets when running out of beer wasn't so good
- Good turn-out
- Food would be good (understand that money can be an issue)

4. Reports:

a.) SoCo

- We aren't involved in alcohol for the department holiday party anymore
- Gingerbread house contest went well and photos will go on the website
- Icicle raffle had lots of tickets sold and will be drawn at skits on Monday
- Skits is on Monday and will have coffee, donuts, beer, chips, etc. – little over \$600 on beer and approx. \$200 to be spent on food

b.) GSS

- GSS approved some spending for updating aspects of the GSS building; nothing really to do with us

c.) Union

- Have had some complaints to the department (including marking reports hours, etc.)
- Had pizza party meeting and had good discussion and some learning about the contract
- Next step was sending a survey out to collect info and teach people a bit about the contract and TA rights
- Approx. 50 people replied so will inform department of issues and see if there is improvement next semester
- Next step if no improvement is filing a policy grievance
- Want formal union event with CUPE for each new set of first years outside of TA training to inform them of their rights under the contract

d.) Skits Sub-Committee

- Monday Deac. 7 at 12:30 in B250
- No pizza prize for best skit
- Need clean-up help
- Can't finish leftover beer in grad lounge (it's in use at that time)

5. Events Volunteering/Responsibilities:

a.) Lab manual sales

- Debbie will send a volunteer sheet

b.) Skits

- Sign up on the volunteer sheet that was sent around

6. Discussion of Vote Items and Vote

Tabled

7. Other points:

- Jose Nunez is putting together a newsletter, and grad students can contribute with topics like awards, events, papers published, etc. – send anything to Ese or Nick by min-January

8. Adjournment: 15:27