

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY

Minutes for January 14, 2016 Council Meeting

Time: 13:00

Location: D211

1. Call To Order: 13:02

Members Present: Jess, Nick, Kelsi, Phillip, Erin E, Ese, Ryan, Erin C, Carlos, Namrata, Maria, Kyle, Crystal, Tom, Trevor, Val, Rebecca, Debbie

Members Absent: Isaac

Also Present: Esme and Daniel (UCS)

2. Approval of Minutes: approved by Kelsi, seconded by Erin

3. Gift Hand-Out

4. Discussion and Planning/Organization of Events

a.) Candygrams

- Distribute on 12th, selling on 4th and 11th (will sell out of offices too)
- 50 cents/bag
- Spend approx. \$140 on candy (as last year)

b.) Treasurer

- Debbie will be publically resigning as treasurer since now Jan. sales are pretty much wrapped up (she will e-mail membership to notify them)
- Need someone to cover late sales and chemook e-mail address
- Need to appoint interim treasurer, then outside of CGSS council elections officer to hold a vote with membership

- Erin C has volunteered as interim treasurer and Val and UCS will help with book sales

c.) Finances

- Got print-out of Jan. finances from Debbie
- Budgeting for upcoming term – keep close to last year (Debbie has the data)
- Have approx. \$100 000 in bank, but are supposed to fill up travel fund with \$25 000 each year as part of Chirp fund negotiation, but we won't get Chirp anymore
- Nick had meeting with Nancy and Sunny who were concerned about security and safety of CGSS finances; Nancy will present a proposal of finances in Feb. which may be implemented next year
- Events we can still have (based on what we had last year): intramurals, candygrams, stressbusters, brew-off, runs, pancake breakfast, career event, summer BBQs

d.) Trivia Night

- On pause since not having additional events or costs

e.) Fun CGSS Activities

- It's supposed to be a fun organization, so we should have some small budget fun activities organized, like skating or movie nights

f.) CGSS LMC Speaker

- Stephen Boxer from Stanford, a biochemist
- Good opportunity to network
- Need someone to meet him in the morning and, depending on his schedule, do coffee, and then lunch, dinner, and introduce him at LMC
- E-mail Rebecca if want to volunteer
- Can also have one more speaker for next year (talk to Rebecca who will talk to Hongbin)

g.) Alumni Newsletter

- Jose Nunez project, will be a pdf sent to chem department alumni
- Approx. one page, year in review, so need ideas for things we want to see in it
- Send ideas to Ese and questions to Angela

5. Reports:

a.) GSS

- Nothing to report

b.) Union

- Got survey results back, approx. 58 people responded, can be sent to CGSS

6. Discussion of Vote Items and Vote

a.) Joint UCS-CGSS 2BABs-Stressbuster for St. Patrick's Day

- Proposal is to combine the two events so both are larger and are scheduled to be held on the same day (Mar. 18 - don't want to compete)
- Can use Abdul Ladha building (free under UCS account)
- Less spending for us and will recover some costs
- Allows for food for UCS event
- Less volunteering (first few for us, later for UCS)
- Want to strengthen UCS-CGSS bond
- Will use wristbands to avoid line-up
- Should have enough capacity
- Budget: UCS max: \$2000, CGSS max: \$1000 (33% CGSS and 66% UCS – our budget is mostly for food and 1 keg (otherwise up to us))
- Costs and revenue split 2:1 UCS:CGSS, and should save us some money vs. usual loss for stressbuster (especially since our St. Patrick's Day stressbuster is usually poorly attended)
- Vote: Yes = unanimous (with Debbie abstaining since has resigned)

b.) Career Event Budget

- Discussion of budget handed out led to one amendment: no more than \$75/person for professional gifts
- Vote: Yes = 11, No = 1, Abstain = 1

7. Other points:

- From grad forum, bring up stipend in GSS meeting to get feedback and hopefully raise minimum

8. Adjournment: 14:13