

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY

Minutes for November 6, 2015 Council Meeting

Time: 14:30

Location: D211

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

Members Present: Nick, Isaac, Jess, Rebecca, Debbie, Kelsi, Phillip, Erin E, Kyle, Ese, Ryan, Crystal, Maria, Namrata, Val

Members Absent: Erin C, Carlos, Tom, Trevor

Also Present: Andy (UCS Rep)

2. **Approval of Minutes:** approved by Kelsi, seconded by Nick

3. Took a New CGSS Photo

4. **Discussion and Planning/Organization of Events**

a.) **Team Building Activities**

- Think about team building activities for the CGSS

b.) **International Food Night**

- Crystal met with Namrata and Carlos to work on planning the event
- Will be held on Nov. 18
- Need to hear back from room booking (Penthouse of GSS building)
- Will send an e-mail to the department ASAP
- Suggest list of food people will bring and list any allergies
- Need volunteers for clean-up after

- There is an IDG that night, will still hold the International Food Night (approx. 5-7 p.m. so shouldn't interfere with IDG – still allows people to have dinner before IDG)
- Need to work out budget and what to reimburse people

c.) Icicle Raffle

- Need someone to check with Brian to see if he still wants to do it – Rebecca will check

d.) Gingerbread House Contest

- SoCos will send an e-mail and collect responses; Nick will purchase kits – prize = pizza party?
- Will display during CGSS charity coffee time

e.) Fun Awards to Hand Out at Skits

- Think of fun ideas and e-mail them to Nick

f.) Trivia Night

- Event idea for trivia night held within the department – have someone willing to set-up questions etc.
- First week of Feb. tentatively

5. Reports:

a.) SoCo

- Mole Day and charity coffee time took in a nice amount of money
- Thanks to everyone for baking and volunteering
- Beer at Stressbuster was good and Darby's was helpful
- Food was gone too quickly – better way to gauge need? Historically?

b.) GSS

- Two meetings: one was committee appointments and grad student rep on president appointment committee

c.) Union

- Department rep orientation and have event for chem TAs with food paid for
- Focus on first years with event and TA contract awareness

d.) Skits Sub-Committee

- Theme = daydreaming
- Have a poster and will put it on TVs
- Will have a UCS skit – need to I.D.
- Need some giftcards for prizes
- Need some arts-type supplies for a skits idea

6. Events Volunteering/Responsibilities:

a.) Chemistry Career Information (CCI) Event Sub-Committee

- Jess and Caitlyn will co-chair
- will be starting to e-mail people ASAP
- UCS one = March 1- do a joint fair?

b.) Constitution Review Sub-Committee

- Nick will chair
- Is a long-term committee (through the year) but minimal meetings
- Want to see if constitution could use updates – approx. by Aug 2016

7. Discussion of Vote Items and Vote

a.) Choosing of Two Charities

- Had a secret ballot vote
- Results:

Charity	Number of Votes
SAINTS Animal Rescue	3
The Canadian Mental Health Association	9
BC Children’s Hospital	9
The Greater Vancouver Food	4

Bank	
BC SPCA	5

- Result shows that the two charities for the year are the Canadian Mental Health Association and the BC Children's Hospital

b.) Departmental Beer Use at Stressbusters

- Want to showcase beer if someone approaches us and wants to brew and will compensate them for doing so as per policy
- People have to contact us, and if not, we will buy beer as usual
- Call for vote: Nick; second: Isaac
- Result: passed

c.) CGSS Equipment Lending Policy

- Want to have a policy for lending CGSS equipment to people while having rules to ensure the equipment will be returned and cared for
- Call for vote: Nick; second: Kelsi
- Result: passed

d.) CGSS Equipment Acquisitions Policy

- Buying equipment is in the constitution, but there is no formal policy
- Call for vote: Nick; second: Isaac
- Result: passed

e.) Group-Based CGSS-Funded Events

- Tabled for future discussion and vote

f.) Departmental Seasonal Dinner – Possible CGSS Contribution

- Will be held in the GSS ballroom cocktail-style with appies
- We need to vote on whether or not we will buy alcohol and get a liquor license under one of two options: either we buy the alcohol and take a loss (either not all sells or it is an open bar) or tickets are sold in advance and we buy alcohol to fit that
- Call for vote: Nick; second: Isaac
- Result: passed

- Rebecca and Val (and Debbie) will work with Angela
- Hopefully can sell drink tickets with event tickets

8. Adjournment: 16:04