

## **Agenda for Tuesday Dec. 5th, 2017 CGSS Meeting 2:00PM in D211**

1. Call to Order: 2:02PM
  - Councillors present: Maria, Elesha, Julie, Drew, Hayden, Mostafa, Phil, Kelsi, David, Mo, Daniel, Lily, Jenn, Henry, Tom, Lili (arrived during item 6b)
  - Councillors absent: Donny, Erin
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Approved by: Kelsi
  - Seconded by: Julie
3. Skits
  - Event seemed good overall
  - Volunteers were thanked
  - Budget: \$1007 spent, slightly over budget of \$1000
  - Council will be buying Damon and Kevin a gift for their efforts
    - \$50 gift cards each
      - Money leftover from last stressbusters can go towards this
    - Update on yearly budget: the budget was approved by the department, but they gave us \$25,000 even though we asked for \$21,000
  - Next time make sure there are cans of beer instead of bottles because the bottles were more difficult to open
4. SoCo Report
  - Iccicle raffle
    - Winners picked and confirmed with Brian, who will organize the icicle making from this point forward
  - a) Gingerbread Houses
    - 5 groups confirmed
    - Kits will be delivered to each group
  - b) UCS collaboration – lab tie-dye
    - CGSS was approached for a collaboration with UCS
    - The benefit of collaborating was discussed
      - Grad students also get tie dyed coats
    - It was unclear at the time if UCS needed CGSS help to pay for the event, to help run it by providing volunteers, or both
    - Council was unsure if this event was being offered for free and decided that more information was needed before committing to get involved in the event
  - c) First Year Event - Bowling
    - 18 people attended and most were first years
    - The first year coordinator was told that the idea to invite a first year to the event was a great way to get first years involved
    - The first year coordinator received minor complaints about the event being so far away (commercial drive)
    - Reimbursements for event are being sorted out

5. IFN

- There was some discussion about whether or not there was enough food.
  - All the food was eaten and the early comers had enough food, but those who came later didn't get any food
- Council discussed whether or not this event is worth holding in the future
- Council agrees that an event celebrating international culture is needed, and that food is probably the easiest way to do it, but other aspects of culture could also be celebrated
- Council discussed ways to control how many people attend vs how many people bring food so that the food doesn't run out too quickly
  - Supplementing homemade food with catered food was also discussed to ensure high attendance without running out of food
- Changing the venue was also discussed as a potential improvement to the event

6. Associate Head – Research (Laurel Schafer)

- After a prior meeting, Laurel has made propositions to collaboration on the following
- a) Graduate Student Alumni Scholarship
- Start our own endowment fund to be given out as scholarships in the department
  - Not specific for academic achievement
  - For people who do not currently have scholarships
  - Propose that grad students/alumni aim to raise \$250,000. Have the department match that. Then, have the University match that for a total of \$1 million
  - How the grad students would raise \$250,000 was discussed
    - We need to clarify what council and grad students are specifically expected to contribute (calling alumni, fundraising, etc.)
    - We would need to reach out to UBC Chemistry alumni
    - We could use some of our \$40,000 from previous account towards this endowment
    - Expected to be raised over several years and is not a short term goal
  - A point was made to make sure that our travel fund is healthy before committing money to this endowment
- b) Outreach for Profit
- Grad student "part time work" doing magic shows and children's birthdays with chemistry demos
  - It was unclear if council is expected to run this independently or on the behalf of the department
  - Running independently is probably too much work for council because it would need to be run like a business (hiring grad students, managing profits, etc.)
    - The department doesn't seem to be expecting a full business

- Let's talk science and other outreach programs have larger resources and don't charge for services, so it might be difficult to compete with them
    - Other departments have a person who works full time doing outreach
  - There is an outreach program in the department that sends people to northern BC for outreach and it is unclear if the Outreach for profit idea is expected to be related to this program
  - Council discussed creating a list of outreach volunteers, similar to a "tutoring list"
    - This list would be a step towards outreach for profit
  - Council discussed acquisition and storage of the equipment for these demonstrations
    - Kits exist from previous outreach programs and are being remade for "beyond the magic" this year
  - Council agreed that there are a lot of logistics to consider before committing
- c) Support for International Conferences
- Council has been asked to support grad students to attend local conferences in the past, but we haven't done this before because it is expensive
  - Council agrees that it is worth considering but it was unclear how to proceed
  - Laurel is organizing a conference in 2020 and wants to have an option in place by then
- Interested councillors were encouraged to get involved in the next meeting with Laurel
7. CGSS music speakers
- PA vs home stereo
  - PA:
    - Can go outdoors
    - Can plug in microphone
    - Fender Passport is the recommended option (expected \$550-\$600 CAD)
    - Line cables could allow one speaker to be placed in a different room, but would need to be purchased at a later date
    - Where would we be able to store it?
  - Home stereo:
    - \$200-\$600
    - Harder to carry around
  - Vote on purchase of Fender Passport PA speakers for up to \$700: Phil, seconded by David
    - Yes: 15
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 1
8. GSS Report
- October meeting: people were assigned to committees and new councillors were brought in
  - November meeting: GSS ballroom has been sold for the next few years, so someone new might have to be contacted to rent it

- "Sold" means rented to another group who will manage it
  - Harassment survey was sent out
  - Satisfaction survey will be sent out soon to determine strategic plan for the next few years
9. Union Report
- Open Forum was held last month
10. Additional Discussion/Misc.
- Erin wants to run three minute thesis heats
  - The logistics of the event are already set up by the UBC three minute thesis organizers and council would just be expect to set it up
  - Aim for 10-20 participants
  - Three judges (professors) would be needed
  - Intention to have food at the event
  - 2 hours long
  - Prizes are usually given out at semi-finals and finals (gift cards to be discussed later)
  - Overall event should cost no more that \$300
  - 4 volunteers needed
  - Council discussed determining how many people the department is allowed to put forward to the next round
  - Council discussed holding a 3MT workshop for the Chemistry department
  - Vote for \$300 for three minute thesis event in February of 2018: Maria, seconded by Jenn
    - Yes: 16
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
11. Adjournment: 3:01PM