

**Minutes for Wednesday Jan. 10, 2018 CGSS Meeting
12:00PM in D211**

1. Call to Order: 12:01PM
 - Councillors present: Julie, Daniel, Hayden, Drew, Elesha, Phil, Jenn, Donny, Mo, Maria, David, Tom, Henry, Mostafa, Lily (arrived during section 4)
 - Councillors absent: Lili, Kelsi, Erin
 - Other members present: Walid (arrived during item 3a; left during section 3e)
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Approved by: Julie
 - Seconded by: Daniel
3. Upcoming Events
 - SoCo Report
 - Gingerbread houses event: Orvig group won the contest
 - Icicle raffle went well and the Brian organized the event after the names were given to him
 - Joint UCS event
 - Council participated in a joint event in the past, but we probably won't do this event again because we weren't helpful last time
 - SoCos are following up on lab tie-dying
 - Council feels positive towards doing some kind of joint event in the future
 - Candygrams
 - Volunteers were requested; Daniel and Hayden volunteered
 - Candygrams will be sold at coffee time, emails will be sent out with details
 - Budget \$400
 - Stressbusters/Trivia Night
 - Coordinating with ping pong tournament to find a good time
 - Discussion continued after Ping pong discussion
 - Ping Pong Tournament
 - Walid and Max ran the event last year and they are interested in organizing it again this year
 - Council discussed how much money organizers will need for the event
 - Registration fees are \$5 for grad students, \$10 for post-docs and staff, \$20 for faculty
 - Fees will be used to buy trophy and gift cards
 - 20-40 people expected to participate
 - 60 people attended the final tournament event last year
 - Money is needed for pizza at this event
 - \$250-\$300 is being requested
 - \$150 is already in the 2017/2018 CGSS budget for this event
 - Registration will begin shortly with the tournament starting by end of January
 - Tournament finale event is expected to be held at the end of march or early april
 - \$200 was put forward as a reasonable supplement for pizza
 - Councillors argued that \$250 was a better amount for pizza because there was a shortage of food at the event last year

- There was some objection about whether more money was needed since some of the registration money could be reallocated with fewer/smaller prizes
 - Council also discussed ways for the tournament to save money in the future. Plaque was put forward as prize since we wouldn't need to buy a new one every year, just pay for engraving. It could be hung in the grad lounge
 - Hanging a plaque might have to go through land ops
 - Seems like a good idea though to make the grad lounge look more personal
 - There was a suggestion to get rid of registration fees
 - Turn it more into an event for people to come watch and reduce the amount of prizes
 - Council discussed if people still be committed with out the registration fee and if it would inflate the participation to an unmanageable amount
 - Sports rep should be involved in organization so that there is a record for future councils to organize this event after Walid and Max have graduated
 - Vote increase budget from \$150 to \$250: Maria, seconded by David
 - Yes: 13
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - Stressbusters/Trivia continued
 - People have complained that there should be a stressbusters in the second semester
 - Want to pair it with trivia in February
 - Previously, we had a valentines day stressbusters but it wasn't well attended
 - People sometimes have conflicts with comprehensive exams, which is one of the reasons it wasn't well attended
 - Currently, the event we have in Feb. is candy grams
 - If we do a Feb. event (Trivia), we can then see if it is worth doing another in March (Stressbusters)
 - Trivia event was discussed to be held on campus or off campus
 - Off campus might be too complicated for the first time we hold this event
 - There is someone who wants to be the trivia master in the department
 - The pit or gallery can be rented out for events
 - Gallery up to 80 people
 - Pit for larger events
 - Managed by the same people, which could be helpful if the numbers change
 - Thursday or Friday before reading week might be a good time.
 - Budget of \$1500 was already approved in the yearly budget
 - Council discussed having teams pre-register for free, and pay if they show up the day of without pre-registering, as a way to estimate attendance
- Forming Chemistry Careers Information (CCI) Event Committee
- Tabled until next meeting
- CGSS Facebook account operation

- Council discussed how the facebook account should be run and what it should be used for. Ideas included:
 - Coffee time reminders
 - Chemistry memes
 - Minutes or summary of upcoming events
 - Polls
- Page has 37 likes, which is not ideal
 - Council could provide discounts on free drink tickets for liking the page

GSS Report

- Acknowledged new groups on campus at the previous meeting

Union Report

- No one complained during December exams so there's nothing to report

Additional Discussion/Misc.

- Three minute thesis
 - Date needs to be finalized: Feb 15, 22, March 2nd/ Feb 22 might work best
 - Expected to be held in the grad lounge
 - Judges: three faculty members, council was asked for opinions for or against who should be chosen
 - Volunteers will be needed
- Hiring new analytical professor
 - Consultations aimed towards analytical grad students
 - Maria will be giving a report and presentation on behalf of grad students for who should be hired
 - Any opinions should be given to Maria to include in the report
- 540 seminars will be held on January 19th and a post 540 first year event is being planned
 - Last year the event was held at the Yale saloon with \$200 worth of appetizers
 - Seminars are all held on the same day this year, which will hopefully improve attendance
 - \$650 budget left for first year events this year, some of which will be used for this event
- PA system
 - \$700 previously approved
 - New system bought based on talking to experts
 - Previous one would be over budget with a Bluetooth system
 - New system bought for \$894 (discounted \$100 because it is used), but can be returned if we want the other one
 - Would be better for music
 - Has Bluetooth already in it
 - Speakers can be split up and placed at different places in the room
 - Vote on budget increase from \$700 to \$900: Maria, seconded by David
 - Yes: 12
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 3

- Council discussed training people (councillors) to use the speaker for events

Adjournment: 12:50PM