

Minutes for Tuesday May 1st, 2018 CGSS Meeting 11AM in D211

1. Call to Order: 11:01AM
 - Councillors present: Elesha, Julie, Daniel, Erin, Drew, Phil, Lili, Maria, Hayden, David, Kelsi, Henry, Jenn
 - Councillors absent: Donny, Lily, Mostafa, Tom, Mo
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Approved by: Maria
 - Seconded by: David
3. SoCo Report
 - Pancake breakfast was a success
 - Around ~100 people attended
 - A new grocery list was written up for next year to help future SoCos make sure they buy enough supplies and food next year
 - Brew off
 - License is almost done
 - Will be held on May 18
 - Having trouble getting a hold of the brewing club for judging
 - The event can go back to popular vote and some judges from the department if we can't get a hold of them
4. Practice BBQ
 - Purpose is to teach the council how to run the BBQs in the summer
 - SoCos will organize this soon
 - Council will get a free lunch from this
 - There is a new BBQ that hasn't been assembled yet
 - NMR room will store the assembled BBQ with cover on it
 - Council discussed whether or not they are allowed to hold BBQs anymore with the new food serving rules that have affected other events like "Imagine Day"
 - Councillors think that the BBQs are fine because it is a "work function", rather than an open event that any random person can attend
 - It will be best not to ask in case it draws attention to the event
 - Berlinguette group wanted to donate ketchup
5. CCI Committee Update
 - Meeting later today
 - No updates from last time
 - Event will be held on June 19
 - 3-4 panelists confirmed, but looking for more, particularly not in industry research
 - Logistics about length and structure haven't been figured out yet because the number of panelists isn't confirmed
 - No updates on the workshop yet. People who ran workshop last year are unresponsive right now and weren't ideal for the target audience last year
 - Looking for someone who can run a workshop at the end of May
6. GSI Committee Update
 - Grad forum was last week and it seemed to go well

- There was a good variety of questions
 - Not a lot of questions were submitted to the survey, so some were added by committee or repeated from last year
 - Council discussed possible reasons why there were fewer questions submitted this year
 - It is possible that grad students are happier than they have been in the past
 - There might have been less encouragement, beyond emails
 - Council discussed possible ways to encourage people to participate in the survey including conversations, facebook page, and prizes
 - A census survey could be useful to see if grad students are happy in different aspects of their lives
 - Expected that responses would be low
 - Council would need to give incentives to fill in survey and increase of number of responses
 - Would need to make sure the survey remained anonymous with prizes
 - This committee is also discussing the possibility of a scholarship endowed by CGSS in the future
7. Bard on the Beach
- Subsidized tickets for Shakespeare performances held near kits beach
 - Daniel volunteered to run the event
8. GSS Report
- Mo was absent
 - Nothing relevant has happened
9. Union Report
- Union coffee time was held a few weeks ago
 - They reminded people to do the survey, gave out free T-shirts and distributed the updated TA agreement
 - People talked to them so they seem satisfied
 - ~40 people attended
 - There is an issue that has come up regarding inconsistency with people being fed during marking
 - Currently there is no requirement to feed TAs during marking, but some TAs are being fed during marking exams while others aren't
 - Department is trying to come up with a policy regarding food during marking
 - Department pays for this food and it is starting to cost a lot of money
 - The food used to come from money that was collected from students renting lab coats
 - Changes can be expected for food given out during exams
10. Additional Discussion/Misc.
- Catering receipt was received for undergrad joint event held at the end of March
 - They asked us to pay half, which seems ok at \$242.25
 - This event will hopefully be improved next year and comments will be passed onto the new UCS council

- We want this to be more of a "speed-dating" style to encourage mingling
- Held in January next year and open to more undergrads and grad students
- Try to do this before NSERC USRA applications are due (late January) It would make sense to hold the event before those are due
- CGSS coffee time
 - Need someone to drive because you can only pick up the ice cream from the Cambie location
 - Hayden volunteered to drive
- Jen is leaving for 3 months and encouraged people to help Julie with events
 - Council will maybe appoint an interim SoCo while she is gone, so anyone interested should contact Julie and/or Maria
 - Council feels like an appointed SoCo is needed because it will be too much for one person
 - We will look at the constitution to see if there is any procedure that needs to be followed to appoint a new person, otherwise we will just vote
- Social committee is looking for input on the annual holiday party because the previously used venue is no longer available. Council has discussed cancelling in lieu of a "welcome back" boat party in September if an affordable venue replacement cannot be found
 - Timing of a September boat party isn't great because September is very busy and December date is preferred because it is the end of the semester.
 - January "welcome back" instead of December might be an easier time to book a venue
 - First year graduate students don't know anybody yet in September
 - Council suggested several potential venue replacements for a December party including Abdul lahda (too small), Pharmaceutical sciences lobby, St. John's college dining hall, Westbrook community center, UBC medical student building and the alumni center
 - Any suggestions for the new venue or opinions about changes to the party should be given to Elesha

11. Adjournment: 11:44AM