

**Minutes for Friday June 8th, 2018 CGSS Meeting
11:00AM in D211**

1. Call to Order: 11:01AM
 - Councillors present: Lili, Daniel, Elesha, Mo, Julie, Maria, Phil, Kelsi, David, Mostafa, Erin, Hayden, Donny (arrived during item 3), Drew (arrived during item 4)
 - Councillors absent: Lily, Jenn, Tom, Henry
 - Other members present: none
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Approved by: Julie
 - Seconded by: Daniel
3. SoCo Report
 - The first BBQ is coming up this month
 - Held on June 22nd
 - Department wants to borrow things for their BBQ
 - Trivia night
 - Extra \$3000 in budget
 - Last time \$1446 spent
 - July 22nd is the proposed date
 - Where?
 - Abdul lahda: would need to hire security and very strict on number
 - Thea's lounge
 - Grad lounge
 - Councillors thought this was fine last time and is the easiest option
 - Vote on budget of \$2000 for additional trivia night: Maria, seconded by Erin
 - Yes: 12
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - Councillors were encouraged to volunteer for more events because the recent events have been very short on people
 - There are only 5 more events left
 - What to do in Jenn's absence?
 - Nobody has currently come forward to be a replacement SoCo
 - Otherwise council absorbs responsibilities as a whole
 - Good opportunity to gain experience for people who might want to do it next year
4. CCIE Committee Update
 - 6 panelists
 - Mostly in research roles so not as diverse as previous years
 - A brochure will be sent out next week about the panelists
 - An email will be sent again to get people to RSVP
 - Very few people have sent an RSVP so far but, the timing wasn't great so another email will be sent
 - Event will be held on June 19th
5. CGSS Endowment/Scholarship
 - Good opportunity to support students

How much to endow?

- Min: \$30,000
- Possible matching funds from department and from alumni
- With a predicted amount of \$66000 in our account (controlled by the department), \$30000 seems like a reasonable amount to endow
- Need to keep \$35,000 left in account at all times according to constitution
- The money in the account can't be touched except by special vote of council
- More can be added to the endowment later, but we can't change what the scholarships or for
 - We can change amount and number that are given out
- If we endow too much with a limited number of scholarships, then we are limited to giving a lot of money to few people
- Discussion continued below

What should the scholarships be for?

Nonacademic

This needs to be Approved and signed by middle of July

Open to international students

Who gives them out? Is council involved?

- Scholarship committee is ok making the decisions
- Decisions can be in consultation with council or not
 - Potential conflicts of interest if CGSS is involved
 - Can CGSS be involved in nominations? Still could be conflict of interest
 - Council could just approve the awards and not be a part of the selection

Currently, the description of the mentorship award states an 8 month preference

- Councillors thought this might be too long because some student research terms are shorter
- Council decided to not state a time preference, but ask for the amount of time mentored
- Application vs nomination
 - Nomination by mentee or supervisor
 - People need to know it exists if it is application based
 - Should application be with letter of support from student and supervisor
 - Look at other mentorship awards in other departments and follow those
- Connection to 449/445 is limiting the number of grad students that would be eligible to apply if their students weren't in this course

Continue to be edited with the scholarship people

- Please check the edits that will be sent out
- Might call a meeting early to vote on the scholarship

A general leadership award was suggested as an addition to the list

- Eg. For People who start sports teams and sit on committees within the department
- Hard to word the definition and what to call a general leadership award to be specific enough without being too specific

Council discussed if the money can be redistributed to other awards if there are no applications for one of the scholarships

Should we/can we endow more than \$30000?

- Need to find the records of how much we have in the account before confirming
- If we want to endow more, we would have to reduce the amount sitting in the account for tax purposes

Poll was taken to see if people agree with a \$30,000, \$35,000 or \$40,000 endowment

- Most people said \$30,000 unless more scholarships are added to the list

6. Bard on the Beach

- Budget \$1000
- Show: As you like it
- Last year \$47 per ticket, this year \$42 per ticket
- Group discount for 15-35 people
- Tuesday evening
- Cap advertisement at 30 people and wait list for people after
- Charge \$15 for grad and \$20 postdoc and \$30 for faculty and staff, plus ones are full price
- July 16-31 are the best dates

7. Vancouver Canadians Game

- Either July or August
- Tickets \$16, we usually charge \$5
- Group discount if there are 15 people or more

8. GSS Report

- Trying to fix the contract for Keorners that is in the building that GSS rented out

9. Union Report

- Health care rebate payment in may

10. Additional Discussion/Misc.

- Are we doing a golf tournament again?
Julie will look into it
- Brew off was good but volunteers were missing sometimes, as mentioned above in the SoCo section
- Adjournment: 12:06PM