**Minutes for March 15th, 2019 CGSS Meeting in D211**

1. Call to Order: 2:02 PM
   1. Present: Shikha, Julie, Ben, Kris, Hayden, Sam, Donny, Lily, Daniel, Matthew, Duane, Henry, Kevin
   2. Missing: Maria, Noah
   3. Other members present: 0
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Approved by Shikha
   2. Seconded by Hayden
3. New Councillors
   1. The two new councillors who were present introduced themselves:
      1. Matthew (Straus group): secretary
      2. Donny (Hudson group): member-at-large
4. SoCo report
   1. Trivia Night
      1. Date of event: April 12.
      2. Liquor license has been approved and paid.
   2. Pancake Breakfast
      1. Tentative date of event: May 2/May 3.
   3. Brew-Off
      1. Tentative date of event: May 24.
      2. Email to notify department of even to be sent off by mid April, will revisit this next meeting.
   4. Charity Coffee Time
      1. Double checked the date, it was scheduled for May 9th.
      2. It was suggested that ice cream be served again this year.
5. Sports Rep
   1. Ping Pong
      1. Email already sent out to graduate students by Ben for registration in the round-robin.
      2. 16 participants registered.
      3. Participants have until April 12 to play first three games. Finals will be held in May/June.
   2. Sun Run
      1. Date of event: April 14.
      2. Email was previously sent out to graduate students by Ben for registration and Julie has been receiving reimbursements.
   3. Storm the Wall
      1. Date of event: March 24-27.
      2. Email already sent out to graduate students by Ben for registration.
      3. This year, CGSS is paying for graduate students and postdocs since UCS did not offer to reimburse like they did last year.
6. International Food Night
   1. We revisited the possibility of holding this event on March 26th. It was suggested that it may be a good idea to push the event to April 2nd so that there is more notice to grad students.
   2. Event will be held in the grad lounge.
   3. An email will be sent out by Duane next week asking for students to bring in their dishes. CGSS will supplement food since last year there was not enough.
   4. Julie to send Duane information regarding the budget.
7. First Year Event
   1. A board game night was held. 15 students attended.
   2. A second first year event was suggested to be held following the CHEM 540 organic, inorganic, and analytical/physical sections. A tentative date of April 4 for the organic section has been made.
   3. It was also suggested that the event take place after exams instead of just 540 in hopes that attendance will be higher. April 25/26 suggested as good date; this will be revisited at the April meeting.
8. CCIE Committee
   1. This is the committee that organizes the Chemistry Careers Information event. This annual networking event provides a space for a panel discussion that connects industry professionals who obtained a graduate degree in chemistry or related with current chemistry graduate students to help them achieve their career goals.
   2. Tentative date of event: last two weeks of June.
   3. Committee has not yet met.
   4. Julie put forward the motion to seat members Ryan Jansonius and Madhureeta (Reeta) Das Gupta; seconded by Kris.
      1. Yes: 13
      2. No: 0
      3. Abstain: 0
   5. There is currently no chair for the committee.
   6. The budget last year was approximately $1500. This year the budget is $1400.
9. GSI Committee
   1. The Graduate Students Initiative committee aims to address some issues and concerns that are experienced by the current student body. Depending on the committee and the current issues, the committee will implement new initiatives (e.g., 4th year meeting, outreach awards, etc). This year the committee will incorporate mental health initiatives.
   2. Committee has not yet met.
   3. Daniel put forward the motion to seat Jerome Lozada on the GSI committee; seconded by Julie.
      1. Yes: 13
      2. No: 0
      3. Abstain: 0
   4. Forum will likely take place in April (held last year on April 11), but can wait until after exams if necessary. First, all data must come in to Daniel from the wellness survey.
   5. Daniel is running the committee.
   6. We will need to send a two-week window to Katie to schedule Martin Tanner and Mike Wolf.
10. Wellness Report
    1. A lunch was held on March 15 in the grad lounge for students to come in, fill out the wellbeing survey and eat pizza.
    2. 17 more full responses, 2 in-progress came in today, it was deemed successful and a good use of the resources.
    3. Tentative end date to complete survey is April 26 (two weeks total from the initial sending out of the survey).
    4. Mike Wolf will send out an email as a last push for surveys to be filled out in the coming week.
    5. A focus group, led by Daniel and a representative from GSWN, will be held with pizza provided. Any questions or suggestions should be directed to Daniel.
    6. The GSWN will be putting forward a secondary initiative for every department to include a graduate student/advisor expectation document to ensure clear communication of the work expectations.
11. Union report
    1. Noah will be joining as a union co-rep and Daniel will brief him in the role expectations and tasks.
    2. The bargaining agreement will end in August.
    3. Any questions should be directed to Daniel.
    4. Daniel will meet up with Jose to discuss all concerns (e.g., exam marking) after exam season is finished.
12. Discussion/Misc.
    1. There were no additional matters brought up for discussion.
    2. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.