**Minutes for May 6th, 2019 CGSS Meeting**

**1:00 pm in D211**

1. Call to Order: 1:03 pm
   1. Present: Julie, Ben, Sam, Kris, Donny, Daniel, Matthew, Kevin, Maria, Lily, Hayden, Duane (1:06 pm).
   2. Missing: Shikha, Henry, Noah
   3. Other members present: 0
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Approved by Julie.
   2. Seconded by Sam.
3. SoCo Report
   1. Trivia Night
      1. The event went well.
      2. There is enough alcohol for the next Stressbusters.
   2. Pancake Breakfast
      1. It was decided to reschedule the event to Monday, May 13 as both Henry and Hayden were away last week.
   3. Brew-Off
      1. Date of event: May 24.
      2. Last week was the final week to sign up.
      3. A number of prizes will be given out: Best Name, Judges’ Choice, and Popular Vote. Judges’ Choice will receive an engraved growler like last year; the other two will receive gift cards.
   4. Charity Coffee Time
      1. The event will occur this Thursday, May 9.
      2. Liquid nitrogen ice cream will be served. Non-dairy milk (e.g., coconut milk) will be used to for a vegan option.
      3. A training session will be held on Tuesday at 4:00 pm in D211 for those who have not made liquid nitrogen ice cream before.
4. International Food Night
   1. The event was deemed a success (about the same turnout as last year).
   2. $300 was spent on the food. The receipts will be given to Julie.
   3. Maria suggested CGSS continue holding this event in D211 in the future as this year’s change in venue did not affect the turnout.
5. Sports Rep
   1. Ping Pong Tournament
      1. The tournament is down to the final four (semi-finals). The contestants have until May 9 to play their last games.
      2. The final will be held on May 15 starting at 5:00 pm (ideal because no IDG). The grad lounge will be booked for the event.
      3. Kris has the plaque being made. The names of this year’s winner, as well as those of the last two, will be engraved.
      4. Kris will also purchase gift cards (most likely for Amazon, as most people can use them) for first, second and third place winners.
      5. Pizza will be ordered by Julie, as she can get a discount with Uncle Fatih’s. Chips and pop will also be purchased.
      6. CGSS volunteers will need to come set up the event around 4:30 pm and help pick up pizza.
   2. Sports Day
      1. It was suggested we start thinking now about what we are going to do for Sports Day, as the field has to be booked quite a bit in advance (a month or so).
      2. A weekday night would probably be the best as the field is usually easiest to book then.
      3. Tickets will have set prices (e.g., $5 for department, $10 for out-of-department).
6. Practice BBQ
   1. CGSS holds two BBQs throughout the summer. The tentative date for the first BBQ is the end of June (most likely June 21, during lunch), but the date of the department BBQ must first be confirmed, so this will be discussed further next meeting.
   2. A practice BBQ will be held to train for the two BBQs. This will be held on Friday, May 17, likely from 1:00-2:00 pm. A doodle poll will be sent out.
   3. It was suggested by Donny that we also serve ice cream at the BBQs like last year if there is enough money in the budget.
7. First Year Event
   1. This will be discussed next month as Shikha was not present.
8. Bard on the Beach
   1. Daniel has been in correspondence with the event coordinators.
   2. Councillors agreed that a weeknight would probably work better than a weekend afternoon.
   3. Tentative date: second half of July (most likely July 16-19).
   4. Currently, tickets are priced at $43—students will pay $10, postdocs $15, professors $20, and CGSS will pay for the rest.
   5. Last year 40 tickets were purchased, so this year Daniel will start with 30 and add more if needed.
9. CCIE Committee
   1. Date of panel: July 15.
   2. Thea’s Lounge in the Graduate Student Society building has been booked for the event.
   3. 3 panellists have been confirmed.
   4. A workshop will also be held on June 19in D211 during lunch (about 1.5 hours). Pizza will be provided.
10. GSI Committee
    1. CHEM 540 survey has been sent out to first years.
    2. Grad forum still must be organized.
11. Women in Chemistry
    1. CGSS has been paying for the expenses of the Women in Chemistry meetings for the past year. The total cost has been well under $100.
12. Union Report
    1. Daniel passed on the previous reports to Noah, who should now be updated.
    2. The issue regarding summer pay has been resolved: students who work asymmetric TA terms can now request payment throughout the full summer term; if they do not make the request, they will only be paid for the months they are TAing.
    3. Daniel will ask Jose to include this for next survey (to clearly state what payment for the summer term entails and whether a formal request must be made for payment throughout the term).
13. Discussion/Misc.
    1. It was brought up by Julie whether we need a GSS representative for the council. This will be looked into.

Meeting adjourned: 1:41 pm.