**Minutes for March 9th, 2020 CGSS Meeting**

**11:00 am in D211**

1. Call to Order: 11:02 am
   1. Present: Julie, Kris, Jesse, Olivia, Matthew, Noah, Mostafa, Lily, Sabrina, Hayden, Alyssa (11:06 am, during Item 4b)
   2. Absent: Abhishek, Maria, Kevin
   3. Others: 0
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Approved by Julie; seconded by Kris.
3. By-Election Results/New Member Introductions
   1. By-election was successful; two new members were elected, both of whom have previously been on council:
      1. Lily: Vice President
      2. Mostafa: GSS Representative
4. SoCo Report
   1. Pi Day
      1. Date of event: Thursday, March 12th.
      2. Julie will purchase the pies; Matthew will send an email to the coffee time host (MacLachlan Group) to notify.
   2. Brew-Off and/or Trivia Night
      1. Henry has agreed to set up and fill out the liquor license for the Brew-Off event.
      2. Tentative date: Friday, May 15th. This is the beginning of a long weekend with CSC next week, so may not be the best date.
      3. Date will be confirmed next meeting.
      4. No news regarding the UCS St. Patrick’s Day event, so likely not happening.
   3. Pancake Breakfast
      1. This event is usually done at the start of summer (after exams). Effort is generally low; just need to buy box mixes and have enough volunteers to help make pancakes.
      2. Tentative date: early May. We will confirm in the April meeting.
5. Ping-Pong Tournament
   1. 16 people have signed up.
   2. Participants have been given 3 weeks (until March 27th) for group stage rounds. Finals will most likely be held in late April.
6. Storm the Wall
   1. Two years ago, CGSS reimbursed Chemistry Department participants who registered (last year UCS did).
   2. Julie will send out email to provide reimbursements for this year as well.
7. Graduate Student Initiative (GSI) Committee
   1. First meeting was held last Friday and focussed on the graduate forum.
   2. Tentative date for the forum: end of April/beginning of May.
   3. This year, the responses from the wellness survey will be discussed, so the committee is figuring out the best way to present the data and structure the event.
8. Chemistry Careers Information Event (CCIE) Committee
   1. First meeting will likely be in mid March. Tentative date of event is June.
9. Wellness Report
   1. Nothing to report.
10. Union Report
    1. Nothing to report.
11. GSS Report
    1. GSS wants to put forward a motion to set up an emergency fund for graduate students, to be voted on this month. This would add a $2 cost to tuition fees, which could potentially generate a pool of around $22000.
    2. If a student was in need of the fund, they would first apply to the other available funds provided by UBC; if unsuccessful, they would then be eligible for this fund.
    3. If anyone has any questions or concerns, contact Mostafa.
12. Discussion/Misc.

Meeting adjourned: 11:27 am