**Minutes for May 12th, 2020 CGSS Meeting**

**1:00 pm via Zoom**

1. Call to Order: 1:02 pm
   1. Present: Julie, Hayden, Sabrina, Maria, Jesse, Olivia, Kris, Kevin, Abhishek, Mostafa, Lily, Matthew
   2. Absent: Alyssa, Noah
   3. Others: 0
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Approved by Julie; seconded by Hayden.
3. Masks for Graduate Students
   1. Julie and Lily are part of a back-to-work committee for the department, and one of the requirements for resuming research in the Chemistry Building is that everyone wears a mask in common areas. So, it was thought that CGSS could provide masks for grad students, seeing as we have money in the budget to do so.
   2. Lily has found a mask producer. It was suggested that we provide 2 masks per student so they can alternate daily—with 230 grad students, this comes out to roughly $3000. We will start with one mask per person, and then can put in another order later if needed.
   3. Julie put forward the motion to set aside $3000 of the budget for mask purchasing.
      1. Yes: 12
      2. No: 0
      3. Abstain: 0
4. Cancelled/Missed Events
   1. Julie suggested we think of events we can do with social distancing (e.g., over Zoom) to keep up involvement. Since mental health is particularly important at the moment, perhaps we could centre events on that.
   2. Examples: online movie night, card/board game night, trivia night.
   3. Gift cards could be offered for incentive to join.
5. Graduate Student Initiative (GSI) Committee
   1. The event has not been cancelled yet, just postponed. Mike would still like to have the grad forum, but it depends on if we can do it in person (otherwise, we could hold it over Zoom).
6. Wellness Report
   1. Nothing to report.
7. Union Report
   1. Nothing to report.
8. GSS Report
   1. As noted previously, GSS is discussing the Financial Assistance Fund; possibly more money will be added in the coming weeks. Another meeting will be held next week.
9. Discussion/Misc.
   1. It was suggested that the unused money in the budget be put into the endowment fund, but other suggestions welcome.
   2. Ping Pong Tournament deadline has been extended indefinitely, not cancelled yet. It can perhaps resume later in the summer when restrictions ease a little.

Meeting adjourned: 1:27 pm