

## **Minutes for Wednesday Feb. 7, 2018 CGSS Meeting 10AM in D211**

1. Call to Order:
  - Members present: Phil, Daniel, Erin, Kelsi, Julie, Elesha, Maria (left during item 9), Henry, Mo (arrived during item 3), Mostafa (arrived during item 4; left during item 9), Drew (arrived during item 6), Lily (arrived during item 9)
  - Members absent: Tom, Lili, Don, Jenn, Hayden, David
  - Other members present: Namrata
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Not enough people to meet quorum, so minutes were approved later in the meeting, during misc. discussion
3. UBC Sustainability Presentation
  - Presentation was given by Namrata, who is involved in UBC sustainability
  - UBC sustainability group was explained and described
  - Ways that CGSS can contribute to and improve environmental, social and economic sustainability were described
    - Examples:
      - Borrowing waste sorting bins for your events
      - Using themes that expand diversity, equity and wellness
      - Collaborating with other departments
      - Ordering from local food sources
      - Donate/sell unused materials
  - There is a sustainable event checklist that we can use in the future for our events
  - Presentation will be posted to the website for everyone to access
4. SoCo Report
  - Candy grams
    - They are being sold this week
    - Details of when candy will be bought and packed were being worked out
    - Organizers were advised to buy a lot of candy because we usually run out
    - Money collected is for donation
  - Tie dye
    - UCS wants more support so more grad students will show up
    - People are needed to volunteer for this event
  - Trivia:
    - March 8th was ruled out because of conflicts with discussion groups
    - The event will probably be moved to a Friday, so we need to check our trivia master's availability
5. Brew Off
  - Some of our past brewers are graduating, so we need to figure out how to get more people interested in participating
  - We can buy kits for people who want to brew so that it is easier to participate
    - We don't know how much the kits are yet

- It was debated if we let people keep the kits, or buy equipment and lend equipment
    - Storage will be difficult for lending equipment
  - Brew club could be contacted
    - Workshop could help attract people to brew their own
  - Could we look into collaborating with another department to have more brewers involved
- 6. CCIE Committee
  - Event held in June focused on helping grad students learn about careers outside of academia
  - Councillors should be involved in planning the event
  - A date needs to be picked soon, by the next meeting
    - Last year it was a Wednesday or Thursday
    - Create programs should be checked to make sure there is no conflict with summer workshops
  - Vote to form Chem careers information event committee: Maria, seconded by Phil
    - Yes: 10
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 1
  - Members from council were invited to be on the committee
  - Vote to seat Erin, Daniel, Julie, Mostafa, Phil, Maria on the CCIE committee: Maria, seconded by Kelsi
    - Yes: 11
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - An email will be sent to department to see if anyone else is interested in being on the committee
- 7. GSS Report
  - Nothing happened that was related to CGSS
- 8. Union Report
  - CUPE is available on some Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the NEST for coffee if anybody would like to talk to them
- 9. Additional Discussion/Misc.
  - Meeting with Laurel Schaffer
    - Scholarship for grad students has become different than originally discussed
      - Blue and Gold campaign is supposed to be for undergrads, not grad students
      - Blue and gold bursary is based on financial need
      - They are willing to match \$50,000 from us, but they pick who gets the scholarships and they would not be available to international students
      - Department might also match the \$50,000 that could also go to international students, but this hasn't been approved with the Blue and gold people

- Blue and gold seemed like it was a one time fund that couldn't be topped up to continue offering the scholarship in the future
- Alternatively we could build the scholarship outside of the blue and gold initiative
  - Use our own money to make an endowment
  - Department seemed willing to match what we raise towards an endowment
  - The money we take in could go towards the endowment (took in ~\$2000 last year), since we aren't sure what else to do with it
  - Logistically, someone in the department would have to be found to take care of administering the funds
    - It might be possible to have the scholarship committee do this as another layer since they already choose who moves forward in external scholarship competitions anyways
  - Having our own endowment seems more sustainable
  - Can we ask the alumni to contribute to endowment?
    - We could put our endowment on the list of asks from the chem department, but the logistics need to be worked out if we are allowed to do that
  - Laurel thinks that having graduate students put in effort to get involved in the fundraising campaign would help make the campaign more successful
- We should make sure the travel fund is still healthy before committing to this endeavor
  - Mike Wolf is getting back to us with actual numbers
  - Previous initiative discussed using more of the travel fund to attend international conferences when they held in Vancouver
  - The second-time use of the travel fund seems under used at the moment, but conference "season" hasn't started yet
- PA system was bought, council discussed if a microphone should be bought next
  - Drew described a specific microphone that is supposed to be good for voices and instruments
  - \$150 proposed budget
  - A councillor suggested renting one to try it and see how it works with our space
    - The place the bought the PA mentioned we could rent for free with the PA system
  - The University usually has microphones to rent out that we could also use
  - Agreed to rent a microphone for now and decide if we want to buy it later
  - Drew is holding a training session on the PA system after the meeting
  - An SOP will be written for the PA system
- 3MT
  - Only 4 people signed up so it will be cancelled

- Councillors decided that it would be best to send another email with a deadline and advertise the gift cards to see if more people sign up before cancelling the event
  - Facebook account
    - Make sure you invite facebook friends to the page to get more people on it
    - SoCos are planning to offer free drink tickets at trivia if they like the facebook page
  - Approval of meeting minutes: Phil, seconded by Kelsi
10. Adjournment: 11:14AM