

Minutes for Friday, April 6th, 2018 CGSS Meeting 12PM in D211

1. Call to Order: 12:03PM
 - Members present: Jenn, Elesha, Phil (left during item 5), Drew, Julie, Hayden, Maria, David, Lily, Henry, Daniel, Lili, Mostafa (arrived during item 4)
 - Members absent: Tom, Erin, Kelsi, Donny, Mo
 - Other members present: None
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Approved by: Daniel
 - Seconded by: Phil
3. SoCo Report
 - Trivia Night
 - Space was good for number of people in the room
 - Survey was positive with 28 respondents
 - People want it to be annual, or twice a year (some even said monthly)
 - Council discussed continues use of the grad lounge or moving the event to a pub in the future
 - Drink prices would go up if it was held in a pub
 - On campus in a bigger space where we can still control the license would be a good option for next time
 - People liked mixed cans, rather than kegs
 - Should we have cans instead of kegs for stressbusters?
 - Cans can be kept for other events rather than pouring out kegs
 - Kegs are cheaper per volume but there is less variety
 - Kegs are better for highly attended events
 - Keg usually used to supplement brew off
 - Amount of food was appropriate for number of people, maybe with more chips
 - SoCos proposed having another trivia night in the summer, hopefully with a faculty team
 - Ping pong tournament
 - Some of the money that was given to pay for pizza was rearranged and spent on gift cards, but the amount of money given to the tournament wasn't changed from what was previously approved
 - With the rearranged money the same amount of pizza was purchased as last year, but the original budget was increased so that more pizza could be purchased than last year
 - Some councillors thought there should have been more pizza and some should have been saved players after they were done
 - Less money could have been spent on trophies so that the money for pizza didn't have to be rearranged
 - Next year we will try to arrange the tournament ourselves so that we can have more control over how money is spent
 - Between thirty and forty people attended and there was a good variety of people who don't go to a lot of other events
 - Council was told to remind people to put away ping pong table after general use
 - Pancake breakfast

- Usually after held after end of exams
- April 26th is the proposed date
- Volunteers will be needed
- Brew-off
- May 4th or 11th proposed
- Dates will be sent to brewers to make sure they are ok
- 5 teams have signed up so far
- Reimbursement will be given per litre of beer
- Council discussed also reimbursing for kits
 - The brew club was contacted about equipment but they have not replied
 - There doesn't seem to be a shortage of brewers so there doesn't seem to be a deterrent for getting started this year so buy kits might not be necessary
 - Cost are pretty much covered in reimbursement and if they do the event again, they don't have to invest in the equipment again

Undergraduate Joint Event

- The event was together related to the 449 research course
- Mike Wolf really liked the idea
- The event seemed somewhat exclusive because not all grad students were invited
- The event involved mingling between grad students and undergrads
- The UCS wants some money for catering costs, but the number hasn't come in yet
- It was proposed that we run something similar next year, but bigger and inviting more people
- A councillor brought up holding an event for summer projects as well
 - This event would need to be held earlier (in January)
 - Two events to help give information about when and how to apply
- Food could have been more casual because the catering looked expensive and it was hard to control portions
 - Add wine next year to make it more casual
- Council discussed inviting undergrads to the grad symposium to help them pick their labs
 - There isn't an email list for undergrads, so logistics for contacting them could be challenging

CCI committee update

- Date picked and venue booked
- Emails have been sent for people to attend
- Workshop on May 23rd (Wednesday noon)
 - Finding somebody to run workshop because previous facilitators weren't super targeted to science grad students
- Email Erin if there are questions

GSI committee update

- Grad Forum
- Dates available for Mike and Martin were given: April 23rd, 25th, or 30th. Proposed best date was April 25th 12:30-2PM
 - Exam on the 23rd that could conflict if the 25th doesn't work
- Room will probably be grad lounge or D215
 - D215 is higher capacity and less set up

- Outreach Initiative
- Proposal is being written for department to start the initiative
- Not CGSS affiliated, but under the department
- People who are interested are welcomed to get involved
- Working on if involvement in this could be tied to a scholarship in the future

GSS Report

- Mo wasn't available
- GSS is going through a turnover of council after the election

Union Report

- CUPE wants to set up a coffee time since we are a larger group
- April 17th because there is no LMC 2-3PM
- They will bring in coffee and tea and snacks
- Available for questions

Additional Discussion/Misc.

- CGSS coffee time May 10th
 - Money raised at charity coffee time is low and money for charity in general has been low
 - Instead we can give out ice cream for donation
 - Proposed budget of \$200 for the ice cream
 - Leftover money from each year (e.g. stressbusters) was discussed, regarding if it is appropriate to give it to charity without advertising that some proceeds will go towards charity
 - Council discussed if more emails about donations to advertise for events would be helpful
 - Council discussed if there should be a minimum donation for ice cream
 - In the past people typically donated less when you don't give them a minimum or recommended amount
- Endowment fund update
 - People from the Blue and gold bursary wanted to get involved in our endowment fund
 - Maria has their contact information to have a discussion about their interest and some logistics but they have not been contacted yet
- The Sun Run is coming up soon
 - 18 people have signed up
 - Over original budget, but we didn't reimburse for storm the wall so there is money that can pay for this
 - Council discussed doing a flat rate rather than percentage next year to make the reimbursements easier

There was more interest than expected for this event

Adjournment: 12:46PM