

## **Minutes for Tuesday May 1st, 2018 CGSS Meeting 11AM in D211**

1. Call to Order: 11:01AM
  - Councillors present: Elesha, Julie, Daniel, Erin, Drew, Phil, Lili, Maria, Hayden, David, Kelsi, Henry, Jenn
  - Councillors absent: Donny, Lily, Mostafa, Tom, Mo
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Approved by: Maria
  - Seconded by: David
3. SoCo Report
  - Pancake breakfast was a success
    - Around ~100 people attended
    - A new grocery list was written up for next year to help future SoCos make sure they buy enough supplies and food next year
  - Brew off
    - License is almost done
    - Will be held on May 18
    - Having trouble getting a hold of the brewing club for judging
    - The event can go back to popular vote and some judges from the department if we can't get a hold of them
4. Practice BBQ
  - Purpose is to teach the council how to run the BBQs in the summer
  - SoCos will organize this soon
  - Council will get a free lunch from this
  - There is a new BBQ that hasn't been assembled yet
    - NMR room will store the assembled BBQ with cover on it
  - Council discussed whether or not they are allowed to hold BBQs anymore with the new food serving rules that have affected other events like "Imagine Day"
    - Councillors think that the BBQs are fine because it is a "work function", rather than an open event that any random person can attend
    - It will be best not to ask in case it draws attention to the event
  - Berlinguette group wanted to donate ketchup
5. CCI Committee Update
  - Meeting later today
  - No updates from last time
  - Event will be held on June 19
  - 3-4 panelists confirmed, but looking for more, particularly not in industry research
  - Logistics about length and structure haven't been figured out yet because the number of panelists isn't confirmed
  - No updates on the workshop yet. People who ran workshop last year are unresponsive right now and weren't ideal for the target audience last year
    - Looking for someone who can run a workshop at the end of May
6. GSI Committee Update
  - Grad forum was last week and it seemed to go well

- There was a good variety of questions
  - Not a lot of questions were submitted to the survey, so some were added by committee or repeated from last year
  - Council discussed possible reasons why there were fewer questions submitted this year
    - It is possible that grad students are happier than they have been in the past
    - There might have been less encouragement, beyond emails
    - Council discussed possible ways to encourage people to participate in the survey including conversations, facebook page, and prizes
  - A census survey could be useful to see if grad students are happy in different aspects of their lives
    - Expected that responses would be low
    - Council would need to give incentives to fill in survey and increase of number of responses
    - Would need to make sure the survey remained anonymous with prizes
  - This committee is also discussing the possibility of a scholarship endowed by CGSS in the future
7. Bard on the Beach
- Subsidized tickets for Shakespeare performances held near kits beach
  - Daniel volunteered to run the event
8. GSS Report
- Mo was absent
  - Nothing relevant has happened
9. Union Report
- Union coffee time was held a few weeks ago
    - They reminded people to do the survey, gave out free T-shirts and distributed the updated TA agreement
    - People talked to them so they seem satisfied
    - ~40 people attended
  - There is an issue that has come up regarding inconsistency with people being fed during marking
    - Currently there is no requirement to feed TAs during marking, but some TAs are being fed during marking exams while others aren't
    - Department is trying to come up with a policy regarding food during marking
    - Department pays for this food and it is starting to cost a lot of money
      - The food used to come from money that was collected from students renting lab coats
    - Changes can be expected for food given out during exams
10. Additional Discussion/Misc.
- Catering receipt was received for undergrad joint event held at the end of March
    - They asked us to pay half, which seems ok at \$242.25
    - This event will hopefully be improved next year and comments will be passed onto the new UCS council

- We want this to be more of a "speed-dating" style to encourage mingling
  - Held in January next year and open to more undergrads and grad students
  - Try to do this before NSERC USRA applications are due (late January) It would make sense to hold the event before those are due
- CGSS coffee time
  - Need someone to drive because you can only pick up the ice cream from the Cambie location
  - Hayden volunteered to drive
- Jen is leaving for 3 months and encouraged people to help Julie with events
  - Council will maybe appoint an interim SoCo while she is gone, so anyone interested should contact Julie and/or Maria
  - Council feels like an appointed SoCo is needed because it will be too much for one person
  - We will look at the constitution to see if there is any procedure that needs to be followed to appoint a new person, otherwise we will just vote
- Social committee is looking for input on the annual holiday party because the previously used venue is no longer available. Council has discussed cancelling in lieu of a "welcome back" boat party in September if a affordable venue replacement cannot be found
  - Timing of a September boat party isn't great because September is very busy and December date is preferred because it is the end of the semester.
  - January "welcome back" instead of December might be an easier time to book a venue
  - First year graduate students don't know anybody yet in September
  - Council suggested several potential venue replacements for a December party including Abdul lahda (too small), Pharmaceutical sciences lobby, St. John's college dining hall, Westbrook community center, UBC medical student building and the alumni center
  - Any suggestions for the new venue or opinions about changes to the party should be given to Elesha

11. Adjournment: 11:44AM