

**Minutes for Monday, September 10th, 2017 CGSS Meeting  
11:00AM in D211**

1. Call to Order: 11:01PM
  - Members present: Elesha (left during item 10), Erin, Phil, Maria, Daniel, Hayden, Julie, Drew, Jenn (left during item 7, after vote to improve description, before vote to endow), Lily, Donny, Mostafa (left during item 10), David (arrived during item 2), Kelsi (arrived during item 3), Hayden (arrived during item 3), Mo (arrived during item 4)
  - Members absent: Lilli, Tom
  - Other members present
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Approved by: Julie
  - Seconded by: Daniel
3. Financial Update/Budget Approval
  - Proposed budget for next year was circulated
  - More money was allocated to stressbusters budget this year because two trivia events were added this year and will be continued next year
  - Professional development in budget was discussed
    - Included CCIE and grad symposium
      - Grad symposium budget could be different than expected this year because it will be combined with the alumni event
      - Council discussed if the amount spent on the symposium will match the budget
  - Council discussed items that could be purchased for next year, particularly helpful to the SoCos
    - Trays for veggies (BBQ)
    - A second warming tray
    - Digital camera
      - Council discussed if this item is necessary when most phones have cameras with a similar quality
      - Council discussed the use of a camera for skits
      - Logistics would be discussed and considered further before committing to this purchase
  - Charity/gifts were discussed
    - This item came from money collected during events
    - It is included in the budget to show where all money was taken in and given out, but the charity and gift money isn't included in the amount CGSS asks the department for
  - Vote on \$25,000 proposed budget for 2018/2019: Maria; seconded by Drew
    - Yes: 14
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 1
4. Grad Research Symposium
  - There will be three speakers instead of one plenary speaker because the event will be combined with alumni event

- Event will include breakfast, graduate research awards, three talks, CGSS election, BBQ, poster sessions and poster prizes
- This is the last CGSS event of the year
- Councillors were told to encourage people to submit a poster
- Prizes will hopefully be judged by post-docs, which is different than previous years
- Council discussed how to prevent people from signing up to do a poster at their supervisor's request, but not actually presenting one the day of.
- More food would be needed for breakfast this year, but department is taking care of breakfast.
- 35 alumni are currently signed up
- Money shared with department for event will be figured out after the event, but it has been arranged as follows:
  - Department takes care of the morning
  - CGSS takes care of the afternoon

#### 5. SoCo report

##### a) Change-over dinner

- Cactus club was discussed as an option
- It was recommended to pick a date based on current council availability because it will be challenging to find a good place to host the event on short notice
- Doodle poll will be sent out to pick a date

##### b) Nobel prize 50/50

- Council discussed other suggestions instead of 50/50 since the event was very successful last year
  - Council discussed whether or not to charge money for the guesses
  - Council discussed if prizes, other than money, could be given out instead of 50/50

#### • Stressbusters went well

##### Exit Reports

- All councillors are supposed to write one to pass onto the next person
- These reports are stored on the CGSS google drive so that future councils can see what past councils did
- Deadline for these is September 22
- CGSS Award
- Description of the award was circulated
- The word "local" was removed as was suggested at the last meeting
- A sentence for preference for those who haven't won before wasn't in the description but council thought that this specification should be added
- Council discussed whether or not the award should be for contributions within departmental outreach initiatives, which council decided not to include because it would be better to keep the description more broad
- Vote to improve the description to include preference for students who have not previously received the Chemistry Graduate Student Society Prize in Science Outreach: Maria, Kelsi
  - Yes: 16

- No: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Vote to endow \$35,000 from the CGSS funds for the Chemistry Graduate Student Society Prize in Science Outreach: Maria, Daniel
  - Yes: 15
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- WiC Funding proposal
- Women in Chemistry initiative asked for money from CGSS
- The WiC budget was focused on food for meetings
  - Council discussed who the meetings are for
  - Council was concerned that the working implies for organizer meetings, but it was clarified that the meetings are open to everyone "events"
- Council discussed if there is another source of funding
  - Sustainability of giving money was discussed
    - Clarified that this is just to get it started
    - Will more funds be needed in the future
- Group is considering meetings once per month
- Discussed the need for money to run events including paying facilitators
  - Council discussed if this is enough money to run the kinds of events that they are hoping to run
- Council discussed if the budget needs to be more detailed about what the money is going toward including expected attendance
  - The actual amount of money is not a lot (\$160), so council can afford it and it doesn't need to be voted on, only agreed upon by president and treasurer
  - Expected attendance will be challenging because it is a new initiative
- Council discussed if it is better to come back with a full start up proposal or if it is better to vote on this amount now because the first event is in September
- David and Maria agree to fund the September event and would like to see a bigger and more detailed budget next time
- Expand Officer Positions in Constitutions
- Council discussed making a new officer or reassigning a member-at-large position to have a dedicated person for documenting media, responsible for:
  - Photographing events
  - Storing/sharing the photos
  - Storing skits somewhere for future viewing
- Council discussed if this role is already filled by a variety of positions already on council
- The constitution doesn't currently specify how media is documented or stored
  - Implementing something in the constitution could make sure there is consistency for documenting or storing media
- Council discussed potential privacy issues of sharing photos and videos for future use

- Council discussed if the media documenter needs to be added to the constitution at this time or if it should be an initiative that councilors start doing consistently first to create a precedent for addition to the constitution
  - Council discussed how to share/store the pictures and videos.
    - facebook and google drive were discussed
  - Council also discussed adding a stipulation to certain positions that they are responsible for documenting media, rather than reassigning/adding a dedicated position
  - Amending the constitution requires referendum and there isn't enough time to do it before this year's election
  - Some councillors suggested that there is a lack of documentation of previous events and instructions that would be useful to future councillors, so there is a precedent to have better documentation media and other information
  - Councillors could also start a policy towards this initiative and gauge in the future whether or not it should be included in the constitution
- GSS Report
- The GSS is in the process of hiring new general manager
    - General manager helps the new council during turn over and is hired for 5-10 years
  - GSS held a referendum. Voting started on September 10th
- Union Report
- Erin spoke at TA training to inform incoming students/new TAs about the union and their rights as a TA
- Additional Discussion/Misc.
- Maria will send an email to current councillors soliciting names for the CGSS
- invited LMC speaker
- Adjournment