**Minutes for December 4th, 2019 CGSS Meeting**

**10:00 am in D211**

1. Call to Order: 10:07 am
   1. Present: Maria, Olivia, Matthew, Hayden, Julie, Sabrina, Jesse, Noah, Alyssa, Matviy
   2. Missing: Kris, Kevin, Abhishek
   3. Other: 0
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Approved by Julie.
   2. Seconded by Hayden.
3. SoCo Report
   1. Icicle Raffle
      1. Tickets were sold during last two coffee times. Winners have been drawn.
   2. Gingerbread House Competition
      1. The judging can be held during the empty coffee time slot next week (we can incentivize participation by serving coffee). Julie will first see how many groups are interested today, so that house kits can be given out tomorrow (or Friday if needed).
4. Charity Coffee Time
   1. This will be held following Skits (tentative 3 pm start). An email will be sent out to notify when ready.
   2. A good number of bakers have signed up from the department.
   3. Matthew will pick up the coffee from Stores today, as they are most likely closed tomorrow.
   4. A couple volunteers need to leave Skits to help set up coffee by 2 pm.
5. Skits
   1. Julie mentioned that organizing the event with two people (Sabrina and Julie) worked quite well and could be a good idea for the future. Overall there are a total of 6 videos from department.
   2. The event starts at 1 pm, so set up will start at 12 pm. Liquor will come today, food tomorrow.
   3. Sabrina went through all the volunteering slots for the event to make sure they all were filled.
6. Graduate Student Initiative Committee
   1. The committee was formed last meeting, will discuss the grad forum and recruitment of other members early next year when wellness data is closer to being sorted.
7. Wellness Report
   1. Alyssa has set up an email account ([wellness@chem.ubc.ca](mailto:wellness@chem.ubc.ca)) for graduate students to send in their thoughts and concerns anonymously.
   2. Still talking to people in the department about starting a committee, hoping to represent all levels of department (faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students).
   3. The Wellbeing Network meets once a month. They are hoping to formulate a supervisor-student agreement form detailing what is expected in terms of work hours, other expectations, etc.
8. Union Report
   1. Nothing to update; negotiations still going on.
9. Discussion/Misc.
   1. There are three faculty searches currently going on. All committees have been completed. This allows for graduate student perspectives on prospective professors.
   2. There is nothing needed for the Jan meeting. We will use this meeting to catch up and think of events for the semester. Sabrina mentioned she would work on setting up the first year event for early next year.

Meeting adjourned: 10:29 am