**Minutes for January 17th, 2020 CGSS Meeting**

**2 pm in D211**

1. Call to Order: 2:07 pm
   1. Present: Olivia, Sabrina, Julie, Matthew, Jesse, Kris, Hayden, Abhishek, Maria
   2. Absent: Kevin, Noah, Alyssa
   3. Others: 0
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Approved by Julie; seconded by Jesse.
3. SoCo Report
   1. Stressbusters/Trivia
      1. Matviy has left, so CGSS currently has no SoCo. Julie has the binder.
      2. Trivia Night can wait because it requires a lot of work. Perhaps council will revisit after by-election.
   2. Candygrams
      1. Candygrams will be sold during coffee time ($0.50 each, all proceeds go to chosen charities), should start selling in late Jan/early Feb with enough time for buyers to take home their cards and return. Candygrams will be delivered on Feb 14.
      2. Majority of work comes form purchasing $400 of candy and packaging the candygrams. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent out.
   3. Alcohol policy
      1. Julie has been informed that CGSS is no longer allowed to serve hard alcohol at events, just wine/beer/cider.
4. By-election
   1. Julie has noticed some interest in the department about joining CGSS, so a by-election could be worthwhile.
   2. Before election date, need a call for nominations 2 weeks prior, and a list of nominations 1 week prior.
   3. Election should be done during coffee time, as 30-40 people needed to vote at once. Chemists for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) is hosting the coffee time on Feb 13, so it would be a good idea to hold it then. Emails would have to start being sent out two weeks prior (Jan 30).
   4. Maria put forward the motion to have a by-election on Feb 13 and to elect Julie as chief election officer; seconded by Julie:
      1. Yes: 9
      2. No: 0
      3. Abstain: 0
5. First Year Event
   1. Date of event: Jan 24, 7 pm at The Yale Saloon.
   2. Everything is booked and ready to go. Eight people have signed up thus far. Sabrina suggested she might open up the event to all students after the first hour (which will be solely for first years).
6. Graduate Student Initiative (GSI) Committee
   1. Both Martin Tanner and Mike Wolf have expressed they want to hold the grad forum this year. Julie will get a timeline from Daniel regarding the wellness data and then will get members together. Tentative date: April.
7. Chemistry Careers Information Event (CCIE) Committee
   1. This event (usually in June) invites panellists from different chemistry careers to answer questions from students. Generally, the event consists of a question answering period, a roundtable event, then wine/cheese networking. A workshop is also usually set up prior to event.
   2. A committee is needed to find panellists and set up the event.
   3. Julie put formation the motion to form the CCIE Committee and seat Hayden, Julie, Maria and Olivia:
      1. Yes: 9
      2. No: 0
      3. Abstain: 0
8. Wellness Report
   1. Alyssa is away; an update will be given next month.
9. Union Report
   1. Noah is away; nothing to report.
10. Discussion/Misc.
    1. The Vancouver Sun Run is coming up. Normally, the Sports Rep sets up a UBC Chemistry team and reimburses a portion of the ticket for members (up to $250 total). This year, Lily Southcott has volunteered to set up the team.
    2. Kris agreed to help set up the Ping Pong Tournament. Time is flexible; just need to choose a date for the final match.

Meeting adjourned: 2:36 pm.