CGSS Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 1, 2021

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** D211 (Grad Lounge)

1. **Call to Order:** 9:05 am
   1. Present (14): Olivia, Hayden, Jesse, Sabrina, Desiree, Vanessa, Chau, Naysilla, Lucas, Jiayu, Nealan, Trevor, Joern, Afagh (via Zoom)
   2. Missing (4): Andrew, Ali, Mason, Lanting
   3. Other (0):
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
   1. Approved by Hayden
   2. Seconded by Jesse
3. **Meeting with Mike Wolf**
   1. How to get funding
      1. Past years: selling lab coats + manuals
      2. This year: proposed mentoring program, for 3rd + 4th year undergraduates that might be interested in going to grad school
   2. Mike brought up idea of not having money sitting in CGSS bank account, but our constitution says we should have minimum $25,000 in case of any year that department can’t provide funding, so we will not be moving it
4. **Meeting with Undergraduate Chemistry Society**
   1. Science Department + Undergraduate Science Society have mentoring programs but not chemistry specific
   2. Form committee this year in collaboration with UCS, for next year (Sept 2022)
   3. Taking inspiration from mentorship program that UCS already has between undergrad students
   4. Money would still come from department, we would provide this service in exchange
   5. Incentives for grad students: certificates to apply for departmental outreach award, discounted rates for CGSS events (like CCIE), Trevor suggested TA unit towards mentorship, Nealan brought up issue that this would be problematic financially, Sabrina mentions that maybe it could replace some marking hours
   6. Sabrina suggests we could create new CGSS position that deals with this program
   7. Hayden suggests taking it one semester at a time rather than whole year
   8. Sabrina puts forth motion to form CGSS Mentorship Committee
      1. Desiree seconds
      2. In favour: 14
      3. Against: 0
      4. Abstain: 0
      5. Membership: Hayden, Jesse, Sabrina, Desiree, Vanessa, Chau, Naysilla, Trevor
5. **Charities**
   1. Two charities voted on via CGSS Slack channel:
      1. BC Cancer Foundation
      2. Community Forest International
6. **Skits**
   1. Annual tradition where groups create short, typically comedic, films, which we’ll all watch in auditorium one December afternoon + giveaway from Chem Stores
   2. Not done last year due to COVID
   3. Sabrina will form committee that will order food, assemble videos, generally organize
   4. Example videos will be included in e-mail to call for videos, to give new people idea of what they look like
   5. Somewhere between 1-8 December
7. **Coffee Time**
   1. Have not asked Mike Wolf about this yet
   2. Will plan for January 2022
8. **Social Coordinator Report**
   1. Changeover dinner
      1. $1324.85 spent, slightly over $1300 budget but still reasonable
   2. Annual BBQ deep clean
      1. Storage locker was cleaned, rat waste removed, everything sanitized
      2. Rat traps are placed in storage locker now
      3. Nealan proposes that board games be brought out of locker to grad lounge, will potentially get more use this way
   3. October Stressbuster
      1. Low turnout from expected
      2. Only about half tickets were sold
      3. Those who attended seemed to have fun
      4. Spent under $1500, under budget
      5. $190 raised for charity
   4. Pumpkin carving contest
      1. Good turnout of pumpkins from groups
      2. Suspicious votes came in with only 1 pumpkin selected for first place without votes for 2nd and 3rd place – these votes will be disqualified
   5. Mole Day
      1. No one found mole to win $10.23
      2. Clue will be sent out
9. **First Year Report**
   1. Lucas tried to recruit other first year students to attend Stressbusters, but to no avail since most students were tired from class
   2. 24 responses to first year e-mail list
   3. Jesse asked to be added to this list, along with Sabrina
10. **Wellness Report**
    1. Naysilla has nothing to report on at current moment
11. **Union Report**
    1. Bargaining will start again in January
    2. Trevor reminds that if anyone has any grievances, they are encouraged to contact Trevor + Mason
    3. Warned to *not* e-mail @chem.ubc.ca addresses about TA grievances
    4. Trevor will set up external e-mail address along lines of “CGSS.TA.rep@gmail.com”
12. **GSS Report**
    1. Joern has nothing to report on at current moment
13. **Discussion/Miscellaneous** 
    1. None

**Meeting adjourned:** 10:00 am