CGSS Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 11, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Zoom meeting

1. **Call to Order:** 14:02
   1. Present (16): Olivia, Naysilla, Jesse, Sabrina, Ali, Andrew, Trevor, Lucas, Jiayu, Hayden, Lanting, Vanessa, Jörn, Desiree, Nealan, Mason
   2. Missing (1): Afagh
   3. Other (0):
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
   1. Approved by Hayden
   2. Seconded by Jesse
3. **Report on Skits 2021**
   1. Sabrina reported that event was well received by students, professors
   2. Approximately $800-$900 spent, under budget
   3. Over $800 raised through charity raffle (matched by provincial & federal governments to $2400)
4. **Coffee Time**
   1. Holding off on doing coffee time for now
   2. Waiting for COVID-19 omicron wave to pass
   3. Will check in with Mike Wolf if it would be appropriate if event is run in accordance with provincial guidelines
   4. Olivia will assemble schedule to have ready whenever event can be run
5. **Social Coordinator Report**
   1. Gingerbread house competition results
      1. Won by Huan group
      2. Voting was more secure this time, as opposed to Halloween pumpkin carving contest
      3. Suggestion to remove names from submissions in future, to avoid contest becoming popularity contest
6. **Event Brainstorm**
   1. Naysilla suggested ‘Sock War’ from her experience as residence advisor
      1. Involves minimal contact between individuals
      2. Safety rules must be laid out so that people are not tagging others during experiments
      3. Naysilla will send out shared document that council can contribute to
      4. Prizes can be decided later on (participation prizes, top 3 prizes, most “kills” prize, etc.)
   2. Ali suggested chess tournament
      1. Will plan that as alternative for sports event
      2. Participants will pay fee to join, money will be pooled for prize(s)
7. **Union Report**
   1. No grievances
   2. No news from union
   3. Reminder email should be sent to department, now that new term is starting, to remind everyone to track their hours and quickly read through their rights as TAs/to email union reps if they have issues
8. **GSS Report**
   1. December meeting had finances approved via external audit
   2. Last strategic plan expired in December, new plan implemented for January 2022 until 2026
9. **First Year Report**
   1. Lucas planned to send out email about first year event but decided to cancel amidst COVID-19 omicron wave
   2. Lucas will send out email to gauge students’ interest in things like hike, paint night, etc.
10. **Wellness Report**
    1. No updates from Naysilla
11. **Sports Report**
    1. Ali is planning ping-pong tournament but holding off on announcing to department until omicron wave is done
    2. Ali also contacted UBC Rec about using SRC for departmental dodgeball but they responded that we must still wait on provincial health orders
    3. Ali will plan online chess tournament for now
12. **International Students Report**
    1. Lanting wants to plan international cuisine event, but wants to hold off during omicron wave
    2. Suggestions were made to have international movie night, could take submissions from students on movies from their cultures
13. **Discussion/Miscellaneous**
    1. None

**Meeting adjourned:** 14:47