CGSS Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Friday, January 13th, 2023

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Location:** D211

**Approval status:**

1. **Call to Order: 3:04pm**
   * Present (): Desiree, Sabrina, Song, Lucas, Kaitlin, Rama, Seja, Nealan, Naysilla, Trevor, Jessee\*, Mason\*, Andrew\* (\*attended remotely over Zoom)
   * Missing (): Joern, Athan, Vanessa, Jessica, Jacqui
   * Other (0):
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (December)**
   * Approved by: Sabrina
   * Seconded by: Rama
3. **Trivia Night**
   * Either a trivia night or a St. Patrick’s Day stressbusters would be ideal. Sometimes one or both events were held pre-COVID, although a hybrid of the two together could work as well.
   * Just a trivia night (i.e., no stressbusters) may be ideal. Partially depends on when the brew-off might happen (May?). Brew-off could potentially happen at the end of June (well after CSC/CCCE), although May might still be ideal, as the CCIE typically happens in June as well – call for brewers may have to happen now.
   * An event (such as trivia night) in March may therefore be best.
4. **Faculty Meeting**
   * January 26th. Described under “Union Report” below.
5. **Social Coordinators Report**
   * Gingerbread contest – went well. Won by the Algar group.
   * Skits went well as well – well-attended.
6. **Union Report**
   * TA Union orientation yesterday (2 attendees from the department).
   * No grievances currently
   * Grievance about retroactive pay regarding vacation pay – the Union advocate sent out an email in October with a short survey asking chem graduate student TAs to voice whether or not they may not have received all the pay they worked for.
   * Compilation of data from the December poll will be ready by early next week. 185 respondents. Average respondent per question is 80—130. Not quite the 60% threshold, but certainly enough to get a good idea of information.
   * Need to collectively determine what a reasonable working salary would be before we bring that information to the department.
   * Rama has some ideas and information regarding base stipends at UBC versus other Canadian universities, and she will send that information to Lucas.
   * A small group of CGSS representatives could potentially attend the upcoming faculty meeting (January 26th), spearheaded by Lucas.
7. **First Year Report**
   * Early next week Rama will send a survey to first years regarding first-year interest in an event. She will then follow-up regarding budget.
8. **Sports Report**
   * Athan is setting up the Sun Run team (we have enough).
   * Nothing else to report.
9. **International Student Report**
   * February 3rd for international potluck, likely starting in the afternoon. This will take place in the grad lounge (need to book with Nicky in reception).
   * CDI will be joining, allowing for both CGSS and CDI budgets joining together to fund the event.
   * Too late for a liquor licence, although not a problem if alcohol is not to be served.
   * Purchasing general party supplies (napkins, plates, etc.) will be required. Song can get a speaker for music from the storage locker (coordinate with Nealan or Jacqui).
   * Event will be open to all graduate students.
   * To be determined how much money will be used for reimbursements.
10. **GSS Report**
    * Nothing to report.
11. **Wellness Report**
    * Card-making event before the holidays. 30—35 attendees. Leftover supplies can be used next year. Well-received, although a few more attendees would have been nice.
    * Sock wars starting up in early/mid-February would be ideal. Naysilla will share documents with Kaitlin.
    * Nealan proposed the formation of a sub-committee to organize and run Sock Wars 2023. 2—3 people would be ideal.
      1. Committee to be formed at the next CGSS meeting.
      2. Kaitlin will send out an email towards the end of January to start getting the word out to the department.
12. **Miscellaneous**
    * If anyone wants posters to be made for upcoming events, Naysilla has offered to assist with that.
    * Sabrina reached out to CDI about a potential collaboration for international women’s breakfast – CDI has declined the offer, as they will be taking charge.
    * Candy Gram sales will begin later in January. Sabrina will send out a sign-up sheet soon so that the CGSS can sell them during coffee time.

**Meeting adjourned: 3:34pm**