CGSS Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4th, 2023

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Location:** D211

**Approval status:** Approved

1. **Call to Order: 3:04pm**
   * Present (13): Desiree, Kaitlin, Joern, Song, Mason, Andrew, Jacqui, Trevor, Jesse\*, Jessica\*, Nealan, Sabrina, Vanessa\* (joined around 3:15pm)
     1. \* = Present over Zoom
   * Missing (4): Athan, Seja, Naysilla, Rama
   * Other (1): Lucas (resigned today)
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March)**
   * Approved by: Sabrina
   * Seconded by: Andrew
3. **Easter Brunch**
   * Not going to be an Easter Brunch as Easter is next weekend
   * Alternative option is “exams are over, you’re done TAing” brunch.
   * Will likely take place late April or maybe first week of May
4. **Social Coordinators Report**
   * $148 raised (side note that $105 was raised from Candygrams in February) for charities/outreach award
   * Trivia night went well, lots of good feedback. Everyone enjoyed themselves
     1. Some people didn’t like the questions, but this was the only constructive criticism. Maybe more diverse questions in the future. Generally a good mix of questions though.
     2. Perhaps more emphasis on trivia, less on “kegs” aspect of Stressbusters
        + Fair bit of beer disposed of, so less would be more economical
        + Kegs of cider might be more popular.
        + May be worth a larger investment into cans and a smaller one into kegs
        + Ciders and coolers sell out each time, so those might be more important than kegs for future Stressbusters
        + Something worth considering for Brew-Off Stressbusters and Welcome Back Stressbusters
5. **Union Report**
   * Unionization cards that were signed more than six months ago have now lapsed, and are now being re-signed by graduate students.
6. **First Year Report**
   * Nothing to report.
7. **Sports Report**
   * Storm the Wall
     1. 3 teams
     2. 1 separate participant
     3. Extra money not used for Storm the Wall can be used for upcoming Sun Run
   * Sun Run
     1. Coming up on April
     2. Thirteen graduate student participants, one staff, one faculty
        + Only graduate students will be reimbursed
8. **International Student Report**
   * Potluck was on budget.
9. **GSS Report**
   * Nothing to report.
10. **Wellness Report**
    * Sock Wars officially ended this morning.
      1. 27 people to start with, lasted about 1.5 months
      2. Prizes being organized by the committee
    * Possibly another wellness event in the summer
    * Perhaps a fund could be set up within the budget next year for “adventure” wellness events like snowshoeing, kayaking, etc.
      1. Funds could be drawn from the Stressbusters, or other events.
11. **Miscellaneous**
    * Graduate students in A-wing wanting a new water fountain installed should submit their request at the upcoming graduate forum, etc. Some groups have water coolers, but not all. This is not something under the oversight of the CGSS.
    * LMC speakers
      1. Top speaker selected happens to be an assistant professor, which is a bit too early career according to Zac Hudson (they don’t have quite enough completed to present)
      2. Two speakers to be invited
         + Abigail Doyle or Malika Jeffries-L. (alternate)
         + L.-C. Campeau or Chris Caputo (alternate)
      3. Grad Forum on Wednesday, May 3rd
      4. CCIE preparation underway
         + Nothing major to report
    * CGSS charity coffee time coming up on May 4th. Trevor will sound out “call to bakers” to the department within the next couple weeks.

**Meeting adjourned: 3:51pm**