CGSS Meeting Agenda

**Date:** April 28th, 2023

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Location:** D211

**Approval status:** Approved

1. **Call to Order: 12:03pm**
   * Present (12): Mason, Sabrina, Desiree, Jesse, Nealan, Andrew, Jacqui, Kaitlin, Rama, Seja, Athan, Trevor
   * Missing (5): Song, Vanessa, Naysilla, Joern, Jessica
   * Other (0):
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (April)**
   * Approved by: Sabrina
   * Seconded by: Desiree
3. **Pancake Breakfast (April 28th)**
   * This morning, went well. Lots of support from council.
   * Nothing ran out part way through, would work effectively as a model next year.
   * Possible cereal breakfast idea in the summer?
4. **Charity Coffee Time (May 4th)**
   * Lots of volunteers
   * Seja is taking the lead on this as Trevor cannot
     1. Donations to be collected in a beaker for simplicity
5. **Brew Off**
   * Liquor licence approved for May 26th
   * Several participants have committed, so we likely will not need to purchase kegs to supplement.
     1. May be a significant mead contribution, in addition to beer
   * There should be more contributions than last year
   * Pre-pandemic there would be a “judge’s choice,” “people’s choice” and “best beer name” to allocate three prizes. If there are enough brews, this is possible.
   * Pre-pandemic, there was a reimbursement of approximately $10/litre. This may have to be adjusted depending on the volume people bring.
     1. Perhaps a reimbursement up to a maximum value.
   * For judges, potential options are Mike Wolf, Mark MacLachlan, and maybe Ilsa Cooke, although they served last year.
     1. Perhaps sending out an email to the faculty to see if there is any interest.
6. **Grad Forum**
   * Next week on Wednesday, May 3rd.
   * Organization committee has everything set up and all the questions have been sent off to Mike and Parisa to give them time to prepare.
   * 15 minute presentation by CDI
   * 30 minutes of open-floor town-hall type questions.
     1. Parisa will not be available for this.
   * Seja and Jorn have the catering aspect sorted out and ready to go.
7. **BBQ’s**
   * We should prepare to have a summer BBQ, perhaps in early/mid July.
   * The department will be hosting one in August (sometime between the 15th and 25th)
   * June may not be ideal given CSC
   * Perhaps a department social in June instead of a BBQ (sushi, casual games, light planning-type event)
8. **General Summer Events Discussion**
   * Grad students tend to have a little more free time in the summer, so this would be a great time to either revitalize or host new events to engage with the grad student body.
   * The PNE at the end of August has been a major hit the last few years.
   * Subsidizing tickets to go to a baseball game could be fun.
   * Summer water sports like kayaking or paddleboarding could be fun as well.
   * There will hopefully be a first-years event in mid/late May and possibly end of August as well (to celebrate end-of-exams and end-of-year, respectively).
     1. Possible ideas include sports, arts, physical activity (will be determined by a vote online)
9. **Social Coordinators Report**
   * See Pancake Breakfast and Brew Off.
10. **Union Report**
    * Nothing major in terms of grievances.
    * There will be a table in the walk-out gathering area so that participants can speak with the union reps.
    * Union cards need to be re-signed if they are older than 6 months. Should be signed outside of work hours to avoid UBC potentially claiming that they were worked on during work hours.
11. **First Year Report**
    * Nothing to report.
12. **Sports Report**
    * Will be looking into summer events.
    * Potential ping-pong tournament in mid-May. Email to be sent out next week.
    * Ben Nadeau is hosting the softball team soon.
13. **International Student Report**
    * Nothing to report.
14. **GSS Report**
    * Nothing to report regarding the GSS meeting.
    * Seja will be unable to attend the next three GSS meetings, meaning that she may be unseated from the GSS side (not CGSS side). Proxying is possible to avoid the unseat. Athan may be available to step in briefly, or perhaps someone from the rest of council.
15. **Wellness Report**
    * Sock War prizes have been purchased and distributed.
    * Potentially pottery or painting in the summer, yet these tend to be rather expensive options. Possibly bring the event into the department?
    * Previously, spin classes had been organized, so that may be an enjoyable option.
16. **Miscellaneous**
    * Nothing to add.

**Meeting adjourned: 12:35pm**