

CGSS November Minutes

Date: November 3, 2023

Time: 1:02 pm

Location: D213

Approval status: Approved

1. Call to Order:

- Present (12): Janice, Nealan, Desiree, Kaitlin, Sydney H, Sydney M, Athan, Seja, Jiayao (Zoom), Astoria, Sabrina, Vanessa (Zoom)
- Missing (6): Song (interview), Svet (class), Joern (another meeting), Jason, Aubry, Yejin
- Other ():

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes ()

- Approved by: Desiree
- Seconded by: Athan

3. Budget Approval

- Met with Mike and got \$28500 budget approved

4. First year skits

- Organized by Svet, first years in CGSS encouraged to participate

5. Holiday skits

- Annual holiday event where department, lab groups, friends make 2–3-minute skits
- Usually shown on same day as holiday party (Thursday, Dec 7, 2023) (before coffee time)
- Need liquor license, book a room, prepare spread of food
- Usually, chem store giveaway afterwards
- Icicle raffle results
- Desiree proposed motion to organize committee for Holiday skits
 - i. Seconded by Seja
 - ii. Volunteers for committee: Vanessa, Sydney H, Astoria, Athan, Seja, Nealan, Desiree, Janice

6. Graduate career development committee

- Prepare graduate students for successful interviews, writing resumes, tackle industry
- Proposed to happen before CSC (early June)
- Networking event, learn about different career paths in chemistry besides academia
- Parisa Mehr. proposed a graduate student weekend with seminars, including the CCIE, GRS (might not be within our means)
- Likely to run CCIE as usual, but have workshops ran by alumni (Mike Wolf will contact speakers)
- End goal: graduate students apply for real job openings and get interview offers
- Desiree proposed motion to organize career development committee
 - i. Seconded by Athan
 - ii. Volunteers for committee: Kaitlin, Desiree

7. Icicle raffle

- Staff at glassblowing give workshop to students that win a raffle
- Sell raffle tickets during coffee time

8. Special events licenses

- People with special event serving license at the meeting: Vanessa, Yejin, Astoria, Athan, Nealan, Desiree
 - Everybody else needs to get it too! Preferably before December 7
 - Send license to social coordinators
- 9. CGSS Charity Coffee time results**
- \$280 raised and will be donated to the 2 charities
 - Next charity coffee time during December (Holiday season!)
- 10. Social Coordinators Report**
- Halloween stressbuster was low on alcohol
 - Need help (a car) to get a keg for next stressbuster
 - Ciders most popular
 - Need more volunteers for stressbusters (it's everybody's event)
 - Pumpkin contest ran smoothly
 - \$300 -\$50 from pumpkins = \$250 split to two groups for lunch prize
- 11. Union Report**
- Union meeting had overpayment issues, may need to collect money from people affected, but inconsistent amounts reported. Unsure if we have to pay it back
 - GRA decision timeline likely in February or March
 - Some letters to sign about GTA and GRA negotiations
 - Physics union rep had a town hall going over reading pay stubs, might be useful for chemistry department to do as well
 - i. Send out a survey to gauge interest
- 12. First Year Report**
- Absent for the meeting
- 13. Sports Report**
- Absent for the meeting
 - Budget for jerseys is \$200
- 14. International Student Report**
- Absent for the meeting
- 15. GSS Report**
- Nothing relevant to report from GSS meeting
- 16. Wellness Report**
- Planning Christmas card event during exam period
- 17. Miscellaneous**
- Grad student forum where grad students give anonymous feedback on the department
 - Select some answers and discuss, hopefully make improvements
 - Going to make a committee in December and event to happen in the spring

Meeting adjourned: 1:39pm