

CGSS May Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: E311

Approval status: Approved

1. **Call to Order: 2:00 pm**
 - Present (14): Desiree, Astoria, Nealan, Janice, Sydney M, Athan, Seja, Aubry, Kaitlin, Jiayao, Sydney H, Yejin, Vanessa (zoom), Jason (late, 2:13pm)
 - Missing (2): Jorn, Sabrina
 - Other ():
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (April)**
 - Approved by: Desiree
 - Seconded by: Athan
3. **Trivia Night (May 10)**
 - Set for next Friday
 - Made arrangements to buy alcohol for the event
 - i. Nealan can get a keg
 - Going to send email so people can make teams
 - Going to ask Andrew from last year about MC and making the questions
 - i. Might give him a gift card if he helps
4. **Pancake Breakfast (May 1)**
 - Getting groceries today because the breakfast is tomorrow morning
 - Enough volunteers for each task
 - Got leftovers from CDI
 - Should meet around 8:15am to organize room, prepare pancakes, brew coffee
 - Best to have everything ready before people come so they can grab and go
 - Need to arrange food griddle from NDB group
 - Going to send reminder email tonight
5. **Charity Coffee Time (May 9)**
 - Seja can brew the coffee
 - Desiree can do the shopping
 - Janice going to send email about tomorrow so bakers can sign up
 - i. Going to include that we made \$387 from previous 2 coffee times
6. **Brew Off**
 - Going to mention in the trivia night email
 - Need to send sign up email soon
 - i. Need to find judges (faculty members)
7. **Grad Forum**
 - Responses due today
 - i. 20 responses, mostly about money
 - Need to categorize questions for Mike Wolf and questions for Laurel Schafer
 - i. Select the best questions for them to preview and answer later
 - Most likely will happen in June
 - Faculty can also ask questions and are allowed to attend

- i. But faculty members never show up
 - ii. We can encourage/remind them that they can attend
 - iii. Create an open forum for people to anonymously ask questions there
- Maybe record and share minutes afterwards to the department
- 8. BBQ's**
 - Last year Nealan skipped it and just ordered pizza
 - Planning to happen in June for about 3 hours
 - The faculty organizes another BBQ
 - i. Previously CGSS does 2 and the faculty does 1
- 9. CCIE**
 - Panel of people with chemistry degrees working outside of academia
 - Informative for grad students to have an idea of jobs after graduation
 - We need to invite people we know that could come
 - i. Need diversity in job fields
 - Desiree will share template to invite panelists
 - New change: event will happen during the weekday, usually in July
 - Big event, need to secure 5-7 speakers and book room in AMS
 - Maybe degrees outside of chemistry (i.e physics, quantum computing) that people in chemistry can apply to
 - Desiree proposes motion to make committee for CCIE
 - i. Seconded by Seja
 - ii. Volunteers: Kaitlin, Jiayao, Nealan, Desiree, Seja
- 10. General Summer Events Discussion**
 - Other events include bard on the beach, PNE
 - Need to consider budget for other events (i.e. sports tournaments, karaoke)
- 11. Social Coordinators Report**
 - See trivia night, pancake breakfast above
- 12. Union Report**
 - Going to hear back from labour board today
 - Going to campaign UBC to not appeal the decision
 - Planning sign painting outside of Koerner library
 - Paycheck grievance email sent yesterday
- 13. First Year Report**
 - First year dinner (May 17) at The Eatery
 - Janice will send invites next week, priority given to first years then open to other grad students
- 14. Sports Report**
 - Contacted the Aviery about another climbing event
 - Planning to survey department about tickets to see a baseball game
 - If enough budget, can plan to see a White Caps game
 - Last year did a pitch and putt
 - i. Well received, might do again this year
- 15. International Student Report**
 - Planning an international potluck with CDI for end of May
- 16. GSS Report**
 - Nothing to report

17. Wellness Report

- Sock wars ended
- Maybe plan a yoga/dance class

18. Miscellaneous

- Nominations of CGSS distinguished speaker opened to all grad students
 - i. About 8 nominations submitted for LMC speaker
- Previously someone asked if we want CGSS news on the grad newsletter
 - i. Maybe consider that offer because we have a lot of events coming up
- Pottery workshop on Saturday May 11
 - i. Registration closed after 20 minutes, is really popular
 - ii. 20 spots filled
 - iii. Everyone pays \$20 and CGSS pays \$800

Meeting adjourned: 3:00pm