

CGSS November Minutes

Date: November 5, 2024

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: D211

Approval status: Approved

1. Call to Order: 3:31 pm

- Present (15): Lucas, Zoë, Sean, Janice, Sydney M, Thomas, Emilie, Desiree (Zoom), Astoria, Jiayao, Sydney H, Khoushboo, Hikaru, Vanessa (Zoom), Ariana
- Missing (4): William (TA), Seja (class), Yejin, Carina (out of the country)
- Other ():

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (October)

- Approved by: Lucas
- Seconded by: Sydney M

3. CGSS constitution changes

- We had an internal election on Slack where the council approved the following:
 - i. VP shall attend the monthly departmental meetings
 - ii. VP shall maintain a Chemistry Grad Student Handbook
 - iii. VP shall organize the grad forum if necessary
 - iv. The VP and social coordinators shall collaborate in planning the holiday skits
 1. The socio's are in charge of booking the room, obtaining the liquor license for the skits
- Lucas will contact Sabrina (president from 2 years ago) for the most updated constitution so we can update it

4. CGSS by-election

- Need a by-election to re-elect Carina to VP and hopefully fill in the extra member-at-large role
 - i. Have someone interested in the member-at-large role
- Opening the election for more nominations would push by-election to later
- Can make shorter nomination period, then allow 1 week between last nomination and the election
- Constitutional change and running by-election will be approved first on Slack

5. Holiday skits

- The VP, socio's, first-year rep, international rep, and members at large should be involved (from the role descriptions)
- Lucas moves a motion to create a holiday skits committee
 - i. Members of committee: Ariana, Khooshboo, Hikaru, Emilie, Astoria, Carina, Sean, Lucas, William

- ii. In favour (unanimous): Lucas, Zoë, Sean, Janice, Sydney M, Thomas, Emilie, Desiree (Zoom), Astoria, Jiayao, Sydney H, Khoushboo, Hikaru, Vanessa (Zoom), Ariana
 - iii. Result: Holiday skits committee is created with the members mentioned above
- Lucas will organize the skits meetings to assign roles
- Can not book a room until Monday December 9
 - i. Last day of class is Friday December 6
 - ii. Holiday party is on Thursday December 5
 - iii. Astoria will apply for a liquor license to get a little bit of alcohol in case people want to drink

6. Charity Coffee Time Results

- This year we are supporting the RAVEN organization and the PHS Community Services Society
- We raised from \$210 from the October 10 coffee time

7. Icicle raffle

- Extra sale this week (3 weeks total) from popular request
- Will draw for winners next week

8. Special events licenses

- Everyone should get it and send it to the Soco
- Reminder to submit reimbursements for SES license and Halloween stressbuster

9. Social Coordinators Report

- Pumpkin carving contest had a good turnout and 120 votes
 - i. Winners announced and will receive a free lunch
- Trick or treat event (new!) went well
 - i. 6 groups signed up for trick or treat
 - ii. Popular in A-wing
 - iii. Can repeat for next years
- Halloween stressbuster
 - i. The most popular stressbuster, had good attendance
 - ii. Ran out of alcohol in the middle of the event, can increase the budget for alcohol
 - iii. Also ran out of pizza
 - iv. Every CGSS member attending should help out, perhaps have assigned roles instead of volunteering
- Maybe add a stressbuster in between Halloween and Trivia Night (in about 4 months)
- Laura Stirchak donated \$60 during the stressbuster

10. Departmental Meeting Report

- Happened on October 24
- New business development person hired to help build connections between the department and businesses

- Student year-end evaluations have been completed by supervisors/committee members and are going to be sent out soon
- Letter from CGSS about distributing financial awards to lower-stipend students was reviewed by the department
 - i. Will have a separate meeting with the department to discuss
- Graduate matters: committee chair set up will be unchanged
- Faculty of science received fewer undergraduate applications, may impact undergrad courses and grades
- More indigenous focused case studies to be adopted to courses
- 1-credit grad courses are being administered

11. Meeting with the Chemistry Head Report

- Will happen this Thursday
- Need to present budget proposal

12. Union Report

- Nothing to report
- GRA stipend decision got postponed again

13. First Year Report

- Khoushboo will send out an email for first-year skits
- Planning pottery painting event for after the fall reading week

14. Sports Report

- Pitch and putt event got canceled from rain, hopefully will happen during the summer
- Bowling event this week
 - i. 18 people signed up
 - ii. Charging \$10 each, CGSS will pay about \$300
- Climbing event at the Aviary
 - i. The Aviary only offered weekends for CGSS events
 - ii. Tentatively will happen on a Saturday at 9am
- Winter sport ideas: skating, curling
 - i. Skating is free for UBC students, so CGSS would only need to cover skate rental costs (about \$4 per person)

15. International Student Report

- Nothing to report

16. GSS Report

- Nothing to report
- Jiayao will attend her first meeting later this month

17. Wellness Report

- Sydney H planning a yoga event, waiting to hear back from a studio
- Possible event idea: lab coat tie-dyeing session

18. Miscellaneous

- We used coffee sticks because we were out of drink tickets, but they could easily be counterfeited
 - i. May have contributed to running out of alcohol
 - ii. We will buy proper drink tickets before the next event
- Maybe charge for stressbuster even if people are not drinking
 - i. To avoid too many people of just coming, grabbing food, and leaving
 - ii. Example: \$2 for food, \$5 for food and drinks
- Laurel Schafer wants us to collect grad student quotes (with names) about financial struggles
 - i. To help gather donations for endowment fund
 - ii. Lucas will set up survey to gather the quotes
- Have not received donation receipts yet

Meeting adjourned: 4:27 pm