

# CGSS Meeting Agenda

**Date:** March 7 2024

**Time:** 2:03PM

**Location:** Zoom

**Approval status:** Approved

**1. Call to Order:**

- Present (12): Desiree, Vanessa, Athan, Kaitlin, Nealan, Astoria, Jiayao, Sydney M, Yejin, Aubry, Jorn, Janice
- Missing (4): Jason (another meeting), Sydney H, Seja, Sabrina
- Other ():

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (February)**

- Approved by: Desiree
- Seconded by: Nealan

**3. CGSS By-election**

- Svet resigned from the CGSS as first-year representative
- Need a new first year representative and member-at-large
- Not sure if anybody would be interested in joining at this point of the year
- Desiree will send department email to gauge interest

**4. Grad Forum**

- Last year Parisa Mehr. was the grad advisor, not sure if she is still the grad advisor
- Usually, CGSS sub-committee is formed and send out an anonymous form to grad students about feedback about their grad program/aspects of the department
  - i. Head of the department (Mike Wolf) responds to the feedback
  - ii. Usually held during the spring
  - iii. Not sure if there is still value as Mike Wolf is stepping down as the head
  - iv. Useful in the past, Desiree will contact Mike about planning the grad forum
- Laurel Schafer is applying to be head of the Chemistry department and will hold open forum this month to answer questions about their visions for the department
  - i. However, questions are not anonymous so students may be scared to ask questions
  - ii. Maybe incorporate anonymity by sending questions on Zoom and not saying who asked, submitting questions beforehand somehow
- Desiree proposes motion to make committee for grad forum:
  - i. Seconded by Astoria
  - ii. Volunteers: Athan, Nealan, Aubry

**5. Chemistry Careers and Information Event (CCIE)**

- Networking event where we invite people from industry (not academia)
- Usually on Saturday but we're planning for Thursday or Friday afternoon
- Usually hosted in the Nest
- We are encouraged to think of people to invite
  - i. Invite about 5 people
  - ii. Will form committee next meeting

**6. CGSS Distinguished Lecture**

- Want to have 2 distinguished lectures next year

- Everyone should nominate a professor/industry professional onto #LMC slack channel who would be suitable
  - The 2 most popular candidates will be forwarded to Zach Hudson (head of LMC)
7. **Social Coordinators Report**
- Candygrams
    - i. Finished last year, was successful
    - ii. Sold about 200 candygrams
  - Trivia Night
    - i. Currently working on getting the liquor license
    - ii. Depending on liquor license, might have to postpone trivia night until April
    - iii. Postpone Brew-off until May or June, should send department email so people know it's happening
8. **Union Report**
- Expect decision about GRA at end of April
  - Would have to send emails/letters to UBC about the decision
9. **Sports Report**
- There are 2 storm the wall teams signed up
    - i. 1 competitive and 1 just for fun
    - ii. Aubry will send invite to department inviting them to spectate
  - Chemists are going climbing on March 15
    - i. Very popular, more interest than spots
    - ii. Good idea for future events, can plan multiple
10. **International Student Report**
11. **GSS Report**
- absent
12. **Wellness Report**
- Sock Wars has started, 27 people have signed up
13. **Miscellaneous**
- A few years ago, there was pie for Pi Day (March 14)
    - i. If planning this year, should buy before Pi Day so it's not sold out
    - ii. Can give out on Coffee time because March 14 is a Thursday

**Meeting adjourned: 2:45 pm**