

# CGSS February Meeting Agenda

**Date: February 2, 2026**

**Time: 2:02 pm**

**Location: D213**

**Approval Status: Approved**

**1. Call to Order:**

- Present: Will, Renee, Khoushboo, Hikaru, Emilie, Irene, Gurcharan, Janice, Zoe, ReeAnne, Evan, Astoria, Kritika (zoom), Jae (zoom), Veronica (zoom), Rodella (zoom), William (zoom, late)
- Missing: Oscar (TA), Seja, Lucas, Sydney

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

- Approved by: Emilie
- Seconded by: Zoe

**3. Departmental Meeting Report**

- potential department onboarding document, PIs will have a documentation with written expectations, signed by both student + PI (just for new students)
- potentially less than 4 people on committee? Could potentially skip on the departmental choice
- uneven amount of committee work among profs
- hard to schedule all 4 people together in one setting
- open house for undergrads (1<sup>st</sup> years) -> Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, PIs might ask grad students to go
- WCUCC looking for sponsors
- discussion around issues happening in Iran
- updating syllabus for website/specific courses. Some students might need these for applications
- canvas hiding the 'people' section to avoid spams
- safety: silent firedrill, Sammis planning to do a series of lectures on safety opening to faculty + students

**4. Questions for Potential Supervisors**

- onboarding committee wants feedback on the form
- form for potential students to ask PIs to decide if they actually want to join the lab
- second last question: PIs probably won't tell you unless they want to, not a great question to ask. This is probably a better question for current grad student
- maybe splitting up to two sections?

**5. CGSS x CDI Town Hall Recap**

- notes will be posted by Carina
- low attendance, mostly CDI/CGSS members -> could be timing (lunch vs after work)

- vague questions, high overlap with previously discussed topics
- potentially another one before grad forum
- form was a bit vague -> need to better clarify if expecting specific questions
- resource sheets including questions already asked before?
- LMC speaker meeting spots sign up clarification? Vanessa will ask Roman during 1v1
- Harshani trying to figure out room booking situation with enrolment booking system
- low turnout for coffee chats with invited speaker, as well as faculty chats spot

#### 6. **Social Coordinators Report**

- all stressbuster paper works done -> Feb 20<sup>th</sup>
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup>: candygram, shopping sometimes this/next week, probably costco and someone with a car
- volunteer sheet will be sent out during the week, more volunteers will be assigned to helping

#### 7. **Union Report**

- C1 component meeting on Jan 28th. New stewards voted in. We have a new science lead steward, Alice Kang. Her info will be on the CUPE2278 website soon.
- Bargaining continues. Crunch (meaning negotiations during an impasse) hasn't started. We are expecting to need job action when that happens, such as a strike.
- The component is organizing a bunch of social activities! You can get notified on instagram or in the news letter. There is a knitting arts and crafts event happening on Feb 10th at 4:30 in GLC. Please vote the general membership meeting. You will receive an email with the link. We need your participation

#### 8. **First Year Report**

- survey forms for availabilities sent out to 1<sup>st</sup> year GC
- social event in the Gallery on Thurs Feb 19<sup>th</sup> -> email reservation needed for big groups

#### 9. **Sports Report**

- chemists go climbing happening on Saturday
- big turnout with waitlists, maybe another one next month
- table tennis tournament next month -> need volunteers, hopefully done before the summer
- storm the wall registration opening soon

#### 10. **International Student Report**

- international potluck end of Feb or beginning of March
- probably outside reading break week, co-hosting with CDI

#### 11. **GSS Report**

- nothing to report

#### 12. **Wellness Report**

- in the process to book a spin class with ride cycle in Kits

**13. Miscellaneous**

-Valentine's Day icicle sale event for glass teddy bears? Someone can go talk to Brian in person

**Meeting adjourned: 2:54 pm**