

# CGSS March Meeting Agenda

**Date:** March 4 2025

**Time:** 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**Location:** A233

**Approval status:** Approved

## **1. Call to Order: 2:33 pm**

- Present (14): Lucas, Janice, Zoë, Emilie, Thomas, Jiayao, Vanessa, Ariana, Khoushboo, Will (Zoom), Hikaru, Renee, Astoria (Zoom), Yejin (Zoom)
- Missing (6): Sean (TA), Carina (TA), Sydney H, Seja, Sydney M, Desiree

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

- Approved by: Lucas
- Seconded by: Vanessa

## **3. Departmental Meeting Report**

- New business development manager (Fergus Klein)
  - i. hired to bridge gap between research and industry needs
  - ii. Will support researchers in securing funding and market validation
- Sexual misconduct policy-mandatory training
  - i. New training module on Workday to help faculty to be prepared to help/respond to students if incidents occur
- New science embedded counsellor
  - i. Current resources are difficult to access and don't have a lot of knowledge about chem grad students
  - ii. New counsellor can be contacted through faculty of science, they're embedded in the deans office
  - iii. They're available to run workshops for grad students
  - iv. not for undergrads, they go to regular service
- UBC library- data management plan support
  - i. new template for applying to grants
- Update on endowment
  - i. over \$30K raised so far, good progress towards \$50K target
- Grad student annual reports returned to students
  - i. Some PIs have not filled it out, will be discussed with Laurel
  - ii. Some faculty wants access to see other PIs' comments on their students
  - iii. still in beta testing, laurel has a lot of ideas how to improve
- Evaluation for GRA with respect to other funding
  - i. Through a couple of years, funding from GRA increased 40% and TA 14%,
  - ii. Central's only contribution is the PAEIPA fund which shrunk 4%
  - iii. Laurel went to faculty science meeting and presented the data, next step is to present the data to the provost
- Alumni reunion event on April 5
  - i. Good networking event for current grad students to connect with alumni
- Micro-credentials courses development
  - i. Courses that aligns with labour market or community needs, need to connect to BC industries
  - ii. Would help bring money to the department

#### 4. Meeting with the Chemistry Head Report

- Committee for micro-credential courses (about a month long) underway
  - i. Laurel is aiming to have grad students' course load be comprised of 50% from traditional courses (about 2 long courses) and 50% from micro credential courses (about 6 mini courses)
  - ii. Examples: Entrepreneur, electrochemistry courses
  - iii. Courses can help deliver instrument training to students
- Laurel is working on bargaining GRA stipends, may ask for help in data collection
- Laurel wants to enforce more strict measures for lab groups to have guidelines in place
- Potential Industry and vendor workshop
  - i. Should be education based, beneficial to students, allow students to have hands-on experience and test instruments on their samples

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

- Event during the summer to connect grad students to industry people
- Establishment of CCIE committee
  - i. Tasks: scope out room booking and time, finding speakers (4-5), establishing a pamphlet
- Lucas moves motion to create CCIE committee
  - i. Seconded by Zoe
  - ii. Volunteers: Emilie, Zoë, Khoushboo, Hikaru, Lucas, Ariana, Yejin
- Lucas moves to vote in members listed above
  - i. Approved by (unanimous): Lucas, Janice, Zoë, Emilie, Thomas, Jiayao, Vanessa, Ariana, Khoushboo, Will (Zoom), Hikaru, Renee, Astoria (Zoom), Yejin (Zoom)
  - ii. Result: CCIE committee created with the volunteers listed above

#### 6. CGSS Distinguished Lecture

- Nominations for possible speakers – to be done in Slack
- Want to host 1-2 speakers next year (invitations go out in May to plan next year's LMC)
- We'll vote for the speakers and forward the shortlist to the LMC organizer (Nadine)
  - i. Speakers should be in North America (for travel cost reasons)

#### 7. Social Coordinators Report

- Candygrams Recap
  - i. Spent \$222 on candy and bags
  - ii. Costco was good source for candy, probably will use next year
- Bake off recap
  - i. We have a lot of leftover alcohol and soda, can buy less next time
  - ii. Reminder to help out if you're attending
- Trivia Night
  - i. Aiming for April 25 so it's after the exam season

#### 8. Union Report

- absent

#### 9. Sports Report

- CGSS is sponsoring the flag football team
- Storm the wall later in March
  - i. Registration ends next Friday
  - ii. Can cover costs for about 10 people
- Sun Run locked at 27 team members

#### 10. International Student Report

- International potluck recap
  - i. 20 volunteers brought food, will be reimbursed \$25
    - Reimbursements will be split with CDI
  - ii. A lot of people came without RSVPing so ran out of food
  - iii. Received \$500 from recruitment committee
    - Used to get catering from a Jamaican restaurant
  - iv. About \$100 in trivia prizes

#### 11. **First Year Report**

- Tentatively planning events for the summer

#### 12. **GSS Report**

- Student housing residence has 7% increase in rent
- New ban on winter and spring sublet (only allowed in summer now)
  - i. GSS is communicating with UBC housing team about concerns
- Planning a new housing bursary to help people with housing costs
  - i. GSS needs to figure out the logistics and criteria of how the bursary should be rewarded
- AMS finance team wants to expand coverage on categories such as dental, ocular and mental health

#### 13. **Wellness Report**

- Absent

#### 14. **Miscellaneous**

- Graphic design and revamping how we do social media outreach
  - i. Inspired by other Instagram club pages: meet the council posts, meeting minutes recaps, memes, reels
  - ii. Allow student submissions to boost community building
  - iii. Should keep record of new ideas and procedures
- Reminder to check and update events spreadsheet
  - i. Send out message on Slack when you have an event planned so everyone is aware if they need to help out
  - ii. Add inventory tab to spreadsheet so we know how much to shop for

**Meeting adjourned: 3:30**