

CGSS February Meeting Minutes

Date: February 5 2025

Time: 11 AM

Location: D213

Approval status: Approved

1. Call to Order: 11:00 AM

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

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (January)

- Approved by: Lucas
- Seconded by: Khoushboo

3. Departmental Meeting Report

- New process for final exam scheduling
- No budget cuts for faculty of science
- Grad student evaluations are completed and will be available soon
- Over \$10,000 in awards to go out in the summer
- 1-credit courses should be available for students in September
- Safety matters: Going to implement more strict measures for disposing electronic waste

4. Meeting with the Chemistry Head Report

- Are at the end of the month so the February recap will be in the March minutes
- Vote for the stipend raise went well
 - i. We will ask for more details and push for a financial talk

5. Social Coordinators Report

- Candy grams
 - i. Have sold the past 2 weeks and this week is the last week for selling candygrams
 - ii. Will buy the candy from Costco
 - iii. Need 1-2 people to help with packing the candygrams
- Upcoming stressbusters
 - i. CGSS bake off on February 28

6. Union Report

- GRA unionization decision has been delayed again so the union is exploring legal options

7. First Year Report

- Khoushboo is planning to do another event after reading week
 - i. Maybe skating at Kits community centre using the group discount
 - ii. Skating may be in collaboration with the Sports Rep

8. Sports Report

- 26 people have signed up for the Sun Run
 - i. They will be reimbursed \$10
 - ii. May put a cap on reimbursements if people sign up too late and it exceeds the budget

9. **International Student Report**

- Build-Your-Bite event (Jan 17th)
 - i. It went pretty well!
 - ii. One of the hosts couldn't make it to the event so we ended up having 3 stations instead of 4, but it still worked out.
 - iii. Some people came in and left but we had around 15 attendees in total
- International Potluck:
 - i. Organizing with CDI on Feb 21st
 - ii. Expecting to have some prospective students since recruitment events are happening on 20th and 21st
 - iii. The recruitment committee offered \$500 so we can get some catering too
 - iv. Planning to ask for ~25 volunteers to bring food
 - 25 may be too much, maybe about 10 dishes would suffice
 - v. Probably do some trivia and games to make it more interactive

10. **GSS Report**

- Nothing to report

11. **Wellness Report**

- Sydney H will host a lab coat tie dying event on February 12

12. **Miscellaneous**

- Charity coffee time (Feb 20)
 - i. Also expecting to have prospective students
 - The recruitment committee has offered to pay the door fee for the prospective students, and to bring additional treats
- Safety meeting
 - i. Will suggested we include a link to safety measures in the weekly newsletter
 - ii. The safety committee plans to set up a form for students to report safety incidents
 - iii. Monica (The safety officer) wants to come to the next CGSS/CDI townhall to do a safety section
- We have a new key for the storage room
- Reminder to put events dates (even tentatively) in the CGSS event spreadsheet so we can keep track and spread out our events
- CGSS Merch: There will be a poll on Slack for what clothing types we want
 - i. Need to send a logo to the manufacturer
- Zoë fixed the website link and added a complaint box to the CGSS website
- CGSS budgeted spreadsheet available for people to keep track of how much they spent

Meeting adjourned: 11:34 AM