

CGSS November Minutes

Date: November 6, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm – 1:59 pm

Location: D211

Approval Status: Approved

1. Call to Order:

- Present: Emilie, William B, Evan, Gurcharan, Veronica, Will H, Renee, Rodella, Hikaru, Seja, Lucas, Oscar, Kritika, Sydney, Khoushboo, Vanessa, Janice (zoom), Irene (zoom), Reanne (zoom), Jae
- Missing: N/A

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (October)

- Approved by: Emilie
- Seconded by: Will H

3. Departmental Meeting Report

- external review Nov 24-25 looking for people to attend (more details to come)
- motion to remove 4th year meeting, seconded but not decided yet (can be required by student instead of mandatory, similar format to current one, about 1h including 20min presentation, doesn't have to be 4th year)
- unconditional admission only for students awarded 4YF/CGS-M or any other funding

4. Meeting with the Chemistry Head Report

- Laurel wants to know our general response to making 4th year meeting optional
- proposing endowment fund created by the department. CGSS can choose this fund to donate to and it will go towards graduate students. Faculty members will match the amount CGSS donates to the fund
- communication with Sunny for breakdown of CGSS funds and donations
- potential increase in coffee time budget (\$30 -> \$40?)

5. Holiday skits

- room is already booked!! (Dec 4th, **B250**, 12:30-2:00pm)
- motion to create holiday skits committee: Vanessa
Second by: Seja
VP leading the holiday skits committee, all MBL's are required to help
Committee members: Veronica, William B, Rodella, Hikaru, Kritika, Jae, Will H, Renee, Khoushboo
- Approved by: Emilie, William B, Evan, Gurcharan, Veronica, Will H, Renee, Rodella, Hikaru, Seja, Lucas, Oscar, Kritika, Sydney, Khoushboo, Vanessa, Reanne, Jae

6. Charity Coffee Time Results

- ~\$170, about the same to what we have always made

7. Icicle raffle

- need to start selling icicle raffles starting next week after confirming with Brian
- another sale after the new years

8. Special events licenses

- send them to one of the SoCo's
- can claim reimbursement in Slack

9. Social Coordinators Report

- Pumpkin carving contest
 - Went well, ~220 responses a lot more engagement compared to previous years
- Halloween stressbuster
 - better than the last few years, both kegs were finished. Might go down to ONE 20L keg
 - non-beer drinks were sold out early
 - karaoke is still popular, keeps people around for longer
 - need to order more vegetarian pizzas (30-40%)
 - more information on the volunteer sign up sheet for instructions of each role
 - made 1/3 of the money we usually make, a lot more people dressed up with costume this year
- Mole day
 - \$10.23 gift card obtained from Starbucks
- Department trick or treat
 - up to \$10 for reimbursement, no one claimed it yet
- Items proposed to buy: HDMI to HDMI cable (bought), new Halloween decorations, cool lights for Stressbuster

10. Union Report

- SFU GSRA's were certified as union as of today
- Trainings from union coming up opening to everyone
- Another general meeting coming up next month (more info to come)

11. First Year Report

- Whatsapp group chat started for 1st years and a form for interest
- Potential study hall with snacks and drinks
- Board game and trivia night (Nov 21st, 28th, or Dec 5th), might rent board games (\$2 each with \$20 deposit)
- About to start filming first year holiday skit

12. Sports Report

- Sun run team formed
- Potential group skating next month

13. International Student Report

- Nothing to report
- Will be attending the next CDI meeting next month

14. GSS Report

- Campus vision 2050, document online and asking for feedback. Will be approved in 2026
- New complex to replace the chemistry building
- Discounted mobi bike rate for students

15. Wellness Report

- Potential pottery painting event

16. Miscellaneous

- Monica said we can't store propane tanks in the storage room -> CGSS owned cage??
- Half empty propane tanks near solvents cage? Not sure if it's ours
- Nadine asked for volunteers to help with the perspective students tour

Meeting adjourned: 1:59pm