

CGSS Meeting Agenda

Date: July 5, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: D211

Approval status: Approved

- **Call to Order:** 2:03 pm
 - Present (8): Desiree, Kaitlin, Janice, Nealan, Sydney M, Astoria, Jiayao, Vanessa, Seja
 - Missing (7): Athan, Jorn, Aubry, Jason, Yejin, Sydney H, Sabrina
 - Other ():
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (June)**
 - Approved by: Desiree
 - Seconded by: Nealan
- **Grad Forum recap (June 17)**
 - Went well, a lot of open discussion
 - Planning to send the meeting minutes to all the grad students and faculty
 - Didn't get to all the questions on the list
 - i. Next time should budget time for each question so they can all be addressed
 - ii. Can have Prof Schafer answer the rest of the questions in written form afterwards and attach to minutes
- **CGSS Summer BBQ**
 - Department bbq happening next week, so CGSS bbq is pushed to August
 - CGSS summer bbq tentative for August 14
- **Chemistry Careers Information Event (CCIE)**
 - Happening on July 19 and going to have 5 speakers
 - Desiree will send sign up email later today
 - Going to give away snacks but no more goodie bags
- **Graduate Research Symposium (GRS)**
 - Parisa Mehr. wants GRS to be mandatory for 1st and 2nd years
 - Previously, CGSS organized the GRS but the department is organizing the next GRS
 - Will happen on September 3rd on imagine day
 - Usually do the CGSS election during GRS but there won't be enough time for first years to adjust to grad school
 - i. Perhaps have election during LMC time when speaker is not there
 - ii. Need at least 40 voters
 - iii. Have food and gift card giveaway
 - iv. Election tentatively on Thursday September 26th
- **Social Coordinators Report**
 - The Brew Off was originally scheduled on August 2 but now there is a stricter liquor license rule to apply 30 days before
 - i. There won't be much alcohol brewed so we need more store-bought alcohol
 - ii. Plan for Brew-Off on August 9 and apply today/ASAP
 - If we don't get it in time then we'll try for August 23
 - Welcome back stress-buster tentatively for September 13
- **Union Report**
 - Nothing to report

- **Sports Report**
 - Go by bike week was a success!
 - i. **ChemRiders**, from the Department of Chemistry, had the **highest average distance cycled at 172.50 km per rider**
 - Had another climbing event last month and went well
 - Upcoming events: Aubry is thinking of getting baseball tickets for Thursday August 8 at 7pm or Saturday August 10 at 7 pm
 - i. Perhaps have students pay \$10 and CGSS subsidizes the rest (\$270)
 - ii. Aubry will first send form to gauge interest, usually gets a lot of interest
- **International Student Report**
 - International potluck went well
- **GSS Report**
 - Nothing to report
- **Wellness Report**
 - Kaitlin emailed a yoga studio for an event but hasn't received a reply
 - Maybe a board games event in the grad lounge
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Next meeting will be July 29 or 30th
 - Desiree thinking of selling PNE tickets for August 24-25th
 - New fillable expense report for reimbursements
 - Desiree had a meeting with Laurel
 - i. Laurel asks if the department should still receive GradUpdates email or just the ones relevant to grad students (we're going to keep it as it is)
 - ii. Discussed maximizing money to low stipend students (i.e students that are already receiving a higher stipend can accept an award with the money or distribute the money to low stipend students)
 - iii. Safety/EDI/etc committees going to be part of the CGSS election
 - iv. Pilot plan for job share for 3rd year labs: Students teaching 3XX labs can sign up for a 3rd TA unit that is shared (i.e 2.5 TA units)
 - CGSS approves the pilot
 - Extra important to keep track of TA hours

Meeting adjourned: 3:06 pm