

CGSS Meeting Agenda

Date: January 12, 2026

Time: 2:01 pm

Location: D213

Approval Status: Approved

1. Call to Order:

- Present : Reanne, Hikaru, Gurcharan, William, Khoushboo, Renee, Zoe, Emilie, Astoria, Rodella, Jae, Sydney (online), Irene (online), Veronica (online)
- Missing : Will (out of country), Kritika, Vanessa (TA), Janice (meeting), Oscar (TA), Seja, Lucas, Evan

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (December)

- Approved by: Emilie
- Seconded by: Khoushboo

3. Meeting with the Chemistry Head Report

- Roman Krems taking over as department head for the semester
- new scholarship: CGSS contribution is only expected to help growing it. Faculty will match the amount we put in
 - one specific event earning goes into the scholarship
 - our highest earning event is already passed for the school year (Welcome Back & Halloween Stressbuster)
 - based on earning this year, our highest earning event won't make a significant impact towards contributing towards the scholarship
 - annual?
 - we could use roll over money from past year to contribute to this instead of a specific event
- Parisa has formed a committee to finish the student handbook, hoping to finish by the end of March 2026
- Roman is aware of the situation with grad recruitment committee
- Vanessa will be in charge of the CGSS presentation for prospective students visiting in Feb

4. Departmental Meeting Report

- No departmental meeting this year yet
- CGSS/CDI townhall either Jan 22nd (Thurs) or 29th (Thurs), 5:30 pm instead of lunch time
 - Email + survey will be sent
 - Budget? CGSS and CDI will rotate to pay
 - Carina will take care of most of the organizing

5. Social Coordinators Report

- Liquor license approved for Feb 20th (Winter Welcome Back Stressbuster)
- Five drink tickets max allocated for the visiting students, these students won't be asked to pay entrance
- Karaoke available during the stressbuster
- Bake-off during coffee time instead of stressbuster -> charity coffee time??
- St. Paddys stressbuster becomes the Feb Winter Welcome Back stressbuster

- Holiday party and skits on the same night might not be a good idea?
 - Easier on the council for organization if on different days
- May: Trivia Stressbuster, Summer: Brew-Off

6. Union Report

- Bargaining continues
- University pushes back against proposal to ensure timely disciplinary procedure notices, against discrimination protections for caste and citizen status arguing that those are not included in BC human rights code
- UBC's proposals are to make TAs work outside the academic period without additional pay if exam invigilations and markings are delayed due to external circumstances. CUPE 2278 is pushing back against these proposals.
- We have a strategic planning meeting on Saturday to organize the union plans for the year.

7. First Year Report

- Waiting for students to settle into their new schedule
- Potential event on campus + indoors

8. Sports Report

- Chemists go climbing end of Jan or early Feb in the Avery
- Intermural team for ultimate frisbee?
- Sun Run deadline for early bird pricing soon (Feb 6th)

9. International Student Report

- Absent
- CDI is expecting help with the international potluck

10. GSS Report

- Nothing to report

11. Wellness Report

- Spin class, waiting for response from studio in kits

12. Miscellaneous

- First year events in summer?

Meeting adjourned: 2:52 pm