

## CGSS Meeting Agenda

**Date:** July 28 2025

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

**Approval status:** Approved

- **Call to Order:**
  - Present (15): Janice, Lucas, Seja, Sydney H, Will, Yejin, Carina, Jiayao, Khoushboo, Zoë, Vanessa, Thomas, Sydney M, Emilie, Astoria
  - Missing (5): Hikaru (experiments), Desiree, Renee, Ariana, Sean
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (July)**
  - Approved by: Lucas
  - Seconded by: Zoe
- **Chemistry Careers Information Event (CCIE) Recap (July 7)**
  - Went quite well
  - Someone gave feedback that the panelist discussion was too long
    - i. We received 20+ questions before the event
    - ii. Suggestion: instead of having all panelist answer the same questions, ask different question to each panelist
    - iii. Suggestion: budget more time for open discussion at round tables
  - Resources and feedback will be available on google drive for next year's council
  - Someone from Arc'teryx is interested in being a panelist next year
- **CGSS Summer BBQ Recap (July 25)**
  - Line up was very long as usual
  - Maybe start grilling earlier (i.e. 10 am)
  - Unsure if next year the BBQ will be organized by CGSS or the faculty
  - We were within the \$1500 budget, but we ran out of food because some people took multiple buns
    - i. Should communicate that people should take only one bun so there's enough for everyone
    - ii. Should request a higher budget next time
  - Set up that people could get chips and ice cream while waiting in line
    - i. Got positive feedback for this
- **Summer events discussion**
  - PNE tickets sales
    - i. Last year: sold 55 tickets at coffee time. \$70 thrill ride passes sold for \$20
    - ii. We usually sell out
    - iii. Selling online may be difficult, may need people to sign up with multiple emails
    - iv. We will do an online form to pre-sign up then have people pay/pick up the tickets at coffee time
    - v. Tentatively for Saturday August 23
  - Bard on the beach
    - i. Last year: sold 24 tickets for \$10 each (subsidized \$35)
    - ii. Lucas will inquire about group booking
    - iii. Tentatively Tuesday August 19 at 7:30 pm to see "two gentlemen of verona"
- **CGSS Election**
  - We tested online voting through Qualtrics and it went well
  - We can send a unique link to everyone eligible to vote
  - Link only lets people fill out the survey once

- Provides anonymous results
- Online voting would help us get the election done sooner
- On imagine day morning, we can do a quick presentation about CGSS and encourage people to nominate themselves
- Give 2 weeks for people to nominate themselves then send out the qualtrics link for people to vote
- Election tentatively for third week of September, with 48 hour window for people to vote
- To incentivize people to vote, we'll do a raffle on gift cards
  - i. about \$30 per giftcard
  - ii. roughly equal to the amount we spent on pizza for last year's election
- Need to talk to Laurel about scheduling
  - i. Treasurer should give a presentation about budget
- Lucas moves a motion to make an election committee with Lucas (election officer), Astoria, and Emilie
  - i. In favor: (unanimous) Janice, Lucas, Seja, Sydney H, Will, Yejin, Carina, Jiayao, Khoushboo, Zoë, Vanessa, Thomas, Sydney M, Emilie, Astoria
  - ii. Result: We have an election committee with Lucas, Astoria, and Emilie
- **Social Coordinators Report**
  - Brew Off Recap (July 4)
    - i. Went well and judges had fun
    - ii. A lot of canned drinks, was a bit hard for people to pick and for bartenders to find the specific drink
      - Suggestion: choose a smaller variety, check which ones are more popular
    - iii. We have a lot of leftover drinks in the storage locker
  - Welcome back stressbuster
    - i. After the election would give new council a sense of CGSS
    - ii. Before election would help recruit people for CGSS
    - iii. Tentatively for September 12 so not too early or too late
    - iv. We usually run out of alcohol for this event
    - v. Lucas will get a keg for the event (more fun!)
- **Union Report**
  - In the collective agreement: if you TA extra units then you get priority to get extra TA units again
  - Union reps will discuss with Laurel more about that because some people might not get the opportunity to TA extra units (i.e. first years)
- **Sports Report**
  - Pitch n Putt (July 25) went well
    - i. Grad students enjoy it and the sign up often fills out immediately
    - ii. But the pitch n putt staff don't like huge groups showing up and it's not possible to book in advance
  - Baseball game on Thursday August 21 at 7 pm
    - i. Thomas will send out email shortly
- **International Student Report**
  - Absent
  - Role might need revamping because it's too similar to CDI events
- **GSS Report**
  - GMPS office and GSS are working on gradstart
    - i. Orientation and welcome event for new grad students
    - ii. They're asking for grad student volunteers (you'll get a free shirt)
  - GSS working on info pamphlet to help students get started with grad students

- i. Topics: insurance, food banks
- **Wellness Report**
  - Sydney H is planning jewellery event on Wednesday August 6
    - i. Will buy materials from Michaels, Winners, Dollarama
    - ii. Will be held on lawn outside D wing breezeway
  - Sydney H also planning a VanDusen Botanical Garden walk for a weekend morning
- **First year report**
  - 8 people went on the UBC tree walk
    - i. 2 cancelations
    - ii. Went well, people had fun
  - Movie night on Friday August 15
    - i. Use rest of the budget on food (i.e. popcorn)
    - ii. Movies are available on UBC library
    - iii. Khoushboo will set up google form for people to vote
    - iv. Will probably in the grad lounge so people can watch on couches
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Reminder to submit your receipts for reimbursements
  - Textbook sales during September 3-5 in resource centre
    - i. Everyone needs to help out!
    - ii. We usually volunteer with UCS
    - iii. Last year everyone had to sign up for 4 shifts
  - Jose is going to use the grad lounge on Thursday November 27 afternoon
    - i. Likely have coffee time in the main office instead
  - Exit reports will be due next month
    - i. Really helpful for next year's council
    - ii. Include tips and tricks about the events you ran

**Meeting adjourned: 2:01 pm**