

CGSS August Meeting Agenda

Date: August 6, 2026

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: zoom

Approval Status: Approved

1. Call to Order:

Present: Gurcharan, Veronica, Astoria, Vanessa, Khoushboo, Rodella, Zoe, Will, Irene, Sydney, Emilie, Reanne, Hikaru, Janice, Jae, Renee, Kritika, Evan, Oscar

Missing: William,

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (July)

Approved by: Zoe

Seconded by: Rodella

3. Chemistry Careers Information Event (CCIE) Recap

- some noshows
- overall positive feedbacks
- could start planning earlier next year
- good range of chemistry fields from speakers

4. Grad Forum Recap

- productive conversations
- some questions deflected
- good turnout in terms of number of attendees compared to last year
- next year needs to start planning earlier to boost attendance
- hard to avoid vacation times/big conferences

5. Departmental Summer BBQ

- Aug 21st tentative
- pinata contest will be announced soon
- volunteer signup sheet will be sent out closer to date. Need more faculty/staff volunteers
- needs more people helping with picking up food and handling delivery
- should have some idea on what to do with extra propane
- needs someone to cleanup the grill

6. Summer events discussion

- PNE tickets
 - 60 tickets purchased with thrill pass
 - tickets will be \$25 each, very heavily subsidized comparing to ~\$70
 - best way to sell these tickets? Might do hybrid to accommodate those who can't make it in person for ticket delivery
 - this will be for Sat Aug 29th
- Bard on the beach
 - all tickets sold

7. CGSS Election

- referendum needs to be done before next election. Could do the vote on annual general meeting
- tentatively September 9th
- Vanessa proposed to be the Chief Electoral Officer

- yes (16): Gurcharan, Veronica, Astoria, Khoushboo, Rodella, Zoe, Renee, Irene, Emilie, Sydney, Reanne, Hikaru, Jae, Kritika, Janice, Oscar
- no (0)
- abstain (0)

8. Proposed Referendum on VP Role

- vote to send proposed change to referendum:
 - yes (17): Gurcharan, Veronica, Astoria Khoushboo, Rodella, Zoe, Renee, Irene, Emilie, Sydney, Reanne, Hikaru, Jae, Kritika, Janice, Oscar, Vanessa
- referendum will be sent and voted on slack
- Vanessa to be the chief referendum officer:
 - yes (16): Gurcharan, Veronica, Astoria Khoushboo, Rodella, Zoe, Renee, Irene, Emilie, Sydney, Reanne, Hikaru, Jae, Kritika, Janice, Oscar
- Laurel hopes to have an early election in May
 - this is hard for First Year Rep as another by election will be needed

9. Annual Survey Results

- 30 responses received
- main issues with social events attendance -> timing, this is hard to avoid
- more trivia and community sports events
- good first year events, but generally want more events with upper years to discuss grad school related matters
- hiking events?
- reformation of wellness events was proposed
- student spotlights? Volunteer basis

10. Grad Student Job Fair

- Paris wants to host job fair in February with local companies and UBC alumni
- similar events have happened and not very successful
- plan to invited one of the HRs/alumini for a Q&A like session
- Thurs 12:30-1:30 pm in grad lounge biweekly starting from September
- Parisa wants volunteers from CGSS to help order pizza/drinks, and organize the room
- maybe this needs to be done over zoom to promote attendance
- this could be combined with LMC
- CGSS does not have the capacity for this

11. Social Coordinators Report

- Brew Off
 - next Friday Aug 14th
 - more volunteers needed!!
 - 5 brewers signed up this year
 - judges: Ilsa Cooke, Alannah Hallas, Raymond Tang
- Welcome back stressbuster
 - liquor license applied for September 11th
 - if denied we could pivot to September 18th or the 25th
- charging for Stressbusters: money made is going towards charity donation, this needs clarification with the student body

12. Union Report

- pending. See Slack

13. Sports Report

- intramural softball team made it to semifinal!!
- 4 teams signed up for sports day -> rescheduled later Aug
- baseball game viewing later Aug. Sign up will come up soon

14. International Student Report

- nothing to report

15. GSS Report

- nothing to report

16. Wellness Report

- enough money in the budget for one more event later this summer

17. First year report

- more information from department (i.e. what better to expect during the year)
- CV/resume workshops?
- these kind of events may be low attendance
- most first years voted for social events
- potential handbook for first years specifically and can be updated every year
- beach day went well

18. Miscellaneous

- exit reports
 - this will be announced closer to changeover meeting
 - previous exit reports are still up on the drive
 - short summary of what you did during the year for your role specifically (i.e. volunteer, event planning, ect.)
 - this will be done sometimes later September/early October post election
- election will be done fully online on Qualtrics
- email was sent to Nicky regarding broken outlets. Electrician was noticed
- election last year had a raffle to encourage votes

Meeting adjourned: 2:49 pm