

CGSS Meeting June Agenda

Date: June 9, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 PM

Location: D215

Status: Approved

1. Call to Order: 3:00 pm

Present: Veronica, Gurcharan, Zoe, Janice, Jae, Reanne, Rodella, Vanessa, Astoria, Hikaru, Will

Missing: Emilie, Oscar, Seja, Khoushboo, Renee, Sydney, Kritika, Irene, William, Evan

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (May)

Approved by: Rodella

Seconded by: Jae

3. Departmental meeting report

- Might transition to new faculty + staff email system
- All new grad students will be using student.ubc.ca emails, but the existing students can keep on using their chem mails
- David from IT said they might have to do it one by one to transition
- This will hopefully be done by the end of the summer
- Safety matters: Sammis talked about how safety system works
 - o We should listen to Peggy (safety person)
 - o If anything safety related happens students should report to their PIs asap so they can fill out a report within 2 days of the incident (including weekends)
 - o This report is tedious but better to fill out compared to the WorkSafe BC one
 - o Faculties have to report students' anxiety attacks (happens frequently in teaching labs)
- UBC will stick with Canvas for fall semester
- If you need to get signature from the grad advisor, please email to Lauren instead of emailing the grad advisor directly

4. Meeting with the chemistry head report

- Meeting got cancelled but emails were exchanged
- Vanessa has emailed Laurel to confirm her attendance for Grad Forum
- No meeting with the chemistry head for the rest of the summer

5. Grad forum

- VP absent

6. LMC Nomination

- Merck award: Mark Taylor was invited this year, so invitation was sent to the Fernanda Duarte who already agreed to come
- Tim Bertram was invited again and agreed to come

7. CCIE

- 5 speakers confirmed to be there
- RSVP form will be sent out this Friday to grad students/post docs
- Will has already applied for the liquor license and is waiting for approval

8. Social Coordinators Report

- Trivia stressbuster this Friday
- Rida has kindly volunteered to be the Trivia master
- No teams for Trivia will be formed this year. People will likely form teams on the spot
- Alcohol purchasing will be done on Wednesday
- Brew-off will be pushed to August 14th
- Date for Welcome Back Stressbuster will be determined soon
- Will reached out to the community building committee regarding the Summer BBQ, and it might happen again the same format as last year
- Brew-off email will be sent out soon

9. Union Report

- Absent

10. First Year Report

- Waiting for better weather for beach day

11. Sports Report

- Go by Bike week is done thanks to Janice
- Potential sports day for the summer?
- Baseball tickets will be purchased for 75 cents hotdog days

12. International Student Report

- Absent

13. GSS Report

- Nothing to report

14. Wellness Report

- Absent
- Zoe on behalf of Evan: sock war is going well. Similar number of participants as previous years

15. Miscellaneous

- Will has not reached out to Monica regarding the smoking sockets situation in grad lounge
- We might purchase a new microwave as part of the new initiative budget
- Vanessa will email both Nicky and Ken regarding the broken sockets
- Programming constitution committee update:
 - o Our programming needs to change and adapt to what the students want
 - o Survey will be sent out to grad students around Grad Forum time
 - o Potentially tracking CGSS member hours
 - o May potentially separate VP into VP External and VP Internal
 - o Potentially sending out a generalized calendar with dates of events by the beginning of the term so people could better plan around these events
- Charity coffee time happened late May in collaboration with CDI
- Janice will be interim Secretary for the July meeting

Meeting adjourned: 3:47 PM