

CGSS March Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: D317

Approval Status: Approved

1. Call to Order: 12:01 pm

- Present: Renee, Will, Rodella, Hikaru, Jae, Kritika, Evan, Seja, Oscar, Irene, Vanessa, Astoria, Emilie, Zoe, Gurcharan, Veronica, Janice (zoom), Khoushboo (zoom), Reanne
- Missing: Sydney, William

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (February)

- Approved by: Rodella
- Seconded by: Astoria

3. Departmental Meeting Report

- stipend increase to 40k -> including tuition award. This comes from the university not the department
- onboarding document. No agreement has been reached
- currently no method to way to reinforce this
- potential app to scan students IDs during exams so TAs don't have to manually check
- skylight scholarships -> small grants for learning based projects
- CFA exams marking discussion. CFA wants to push back responsibilities for hosting CFA students write exams there
- safety concerns during external review

4. Meeting with the Chemistry Head Report

- grad students signing up to meet LMC students?
- head wants to make LMC a required 'course' or reducing the number of LMCs due to low attendance
- might change the format of CGSS nominated speaker coffee chat
- if making LMC mandatory -> is it enough time for people who TA on the same day?

5. LMC Speaker Nomination

- start collecting nomination names
- Vanessa will create a google sheet for this

6. Grad Student Forum

- towards the end of June
- last year was during CSC so low attendance. CSC is end of May this year so there shouldn't be conflicts

7. Chemistry Careers and Information Event (CCIE)

-usually happening in July. Need to start planning early so we will have enough time to invite speakers

-motion to create committee: Vanessa

-seconded by: Rodella

-committee members: Veronica, Zoe, Will, Emilie, Rodella, Hikaru, Janice, Khousboo, Kritika, Jae, Renee

-tentatively beginning of July. Weekday preferred?

8. Social Coordinators Report

- Candygram sale
 - 261 candygrams sold -> >\$200 made
 - \$360+ spent for candy purchase
 - need to increase candygram budget next year
 - probably better to finish the sale a week before Valentine's Day next year
- Winter Stressbuster recap for perspective students
 - Evo costs fall into Stressbuster budget
 - volunteers did not show up?? Recruitment committee couldn't do much about this
 - \$500 reimbursement needs to be sent to Sunny to be processed separately
 - perspective students were told to show up at 5 pm?? Harshani put the wrong time on schedule
 - 20 perspective students showed up
 - overall a successful event but no volunteers showed up
 - recruitment committee needs to do better cleanup before the event so CGSS doesn't have to clean up after them
 - little food leftover
 - nobody liked the keg...
 - cans were running out by the end of the night
- Pi-day cancelled due to March 14th falling on a weekend

9. Union Report

-still bargaining

-debate over whether announcement over faculty death should be done school-wise

-general meeting:

- CFA invigilation discussions
- Academic freedom
- Language issues
- More socials events being planned
- New leads towards science, stewards election
- Discussion over removing preference for appointments

10. Sports Report

-3 teams signed up for stormed the wall

-table tennis tournament started but paddles are bad so needed to buy new ones. Table is also broken so need a new one

11. International Student Report

-CDI about to decide on the date/time of international pot luck

12. First Year Report

-social at the gallery during reading break

-extra money still available after event

-might be another summer event

13. GSS Report

-nothing to report

-GSS candidates spamming Vanessa's email

14. Wellness Report

-absent

15. Miscellaneous

- Valentine's Day glass teddy bear sale
 - Irene and Jess won the draw
 - need better communication with Brian. We might need a point of contact with Brian if this becomes a regular thing
- Annual constitutional review? Channel available on Slack
- CCIE channel available on Slack -> potential meeting next week

Meeting Adjourned: 12:56 pm