CGSS Meeting Agenda

Date: Sep 29, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: D317
Status: Approved

1. Call to Order: 11:02 am
   Present: Evan, Vanessa, Gurcharan, Janice, Lauren, Rodella, Jae, Davis, Veronica, Zoë, Vera, Martin, Emilie, Oscar, Renee, Sydney, Will H (zoom), Irene (zoom)
   Missing: Kritika (TA), Astoria, Khoushboo, Will B, Hikaru, Reanne (TA)
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (August)
   Approved by: Oscar
   Seconded by: Rodella
3. Outgoing Councillors Reports and Council Changeover
   - Reminder to finish exit reports for the new council
   - Do the exit report even if you're returning
   - Vanessa will send reminders if you haven't done them
4. CGSS Constitution
   - out-going council has left the meeting now
   - reminder to read the constitution (it's on the website)
   - everyone needs to volunteer for at least one event per semester (ideally more!)
   - need to come to meetings
     - if you can't come then let the secretary know and if you have anything if you want to report
     - If you miss 3 meetings without a reason then you may be removed
5. Voting on additional member-at-large positions
   - positions offered to people that ran in CGSS but weren't elected
   - voting for the three people who replied to Gurcharan
     - can vote in the other people over slack later
     - Gurcharan calls a motion to elect Veronica as member of large
       - Second: Rodella
       - In favour: Vanessa, Gurcharan, Janice, Lauren, Rodella, Jae, Davis, Zoë, Vera, Martin, Emilie, Oscar, Sydney, Irene
       - Result: Veronica is now a member of large
     - Gurcharan calls a motion to elect Cole as member of large
       - Second: Rodella
       - In favour: Vanessa, Gurcharan, Janice, Lauren, Rodella, Jae, Davis, Zoë, Vera, Martin, Emilie, Irene
       - Abstain: Sydney, Evan
       - Result: Cole is now a member of large
     - Gurcharan calls a motion to elect Astoria as member of large
       - Second: Vanessa
       - In favour: Vanessa, Gurcharan, Janice, Lauren, Rodella, Jae, Davis, Zoë, Vera, Martin, Emilie, Oscar, Sydney, Irene
       - Result: Astoria is now a member of large

- Need a by-election to fill in empty spots
    - 1 or 2 people interested in soco role, haven't heard anyone interested in union rep
    - Likely the election will be during coffee time

6. 2026—2027 CGSS Budget Presentation
    - Gurcharan andZ oë are meeting with Laurel next week to propose new budget
    - Will ask for the same budget as last year adjusted for inflation
    - Mostly stayed on budget last year
    - Key changes of moving around budget:
        - less budget for PNE (lower interest this year)
        - More budget for CCIE, softball, website, intramurals, candygrams, stressbuster, serving certificates, games, sun run
7. Departmental Meeting Recap
    - imagine day was successful but there was constructive criticism so there will be changes
    - budget update: chem stays the same
    - Website redesign on hold
    - safety: may be establishing minimum ppe rules to enter the building
    - new concern with meta glasses during exam invigilation
8. Serving it right
    - New members need to complete, you'll be reimbursed for the license
    - Needed so you can serve alcohol at events
    - Need to send your IDs and certificate to SOCOs
    - Link will be posted in the Slack
10. CGSS charities
    - Every year we vote for 2 charities to support
    - Gurcharan will open a poll on slack to nominate charities
    - Zoë and Evan met with finance specialist from RAVEN, who we have been supporting for 2+ years
        - They asked us if we want to be a more permanent supporter and include us on their website
        - RAVEN offered to send us promotional material and stickers
    - Gurcharan moves a motion to be a permanent supporter of RAVEN
        - Second: Evan
        - In favour: Vanessa, Gurcharan, Janice, Lauren, Rodella, Jae, Davis, Zoë, Vera, Martin, Emilie, Oscar, Sydney, Irene
        - Result: We will respond to RAVEN about being a permanent supporter
    - We will nominate charities in the CGSS slack and open up the vote to all grad students
11. CGSS Slack Introduction
    - Gurcharan will add the new members to slack
    - Make sure you have notifications on and you check slack regularly
    - Have notifications outside of work hours because sometimes we have emergencies and the stressbusters run after work hours
12. Changeover Dinner
    - Organized by out-going secretary
    - There will be poll for requests but need to consider dietary restrictions

13. Social Coordinators Report
    - Might have Halloween stressbuster after reading week
14. Winter Skits
    - Holiday skits event in December where people submit skits, eat food, raffle
    - Very popular
    - Will be organized by Rodella. Some roles require helping for skits: members at large, first year, social media, international
    - Gurcharan calls a vote to create skits committee
        - Second: vanessa,
        - Volunteers; Janice, veronica, lauren, vera, martin, irene, will B
    - Contact David Perrin to check when the chemistry Christmas party is
    - Contact chem stores to coordinate the give away
    - Date of the skits mainly depends on room booking
15. Union Report
    - Strike vote passed so the CUPE executive can call a strike when deemed necessary
    - If there is a strike, every member is required to picket 4 hours a day if they want to get paid
    - If there is a picket line in the department, nobody can come in, not even for research
    - Picket line: physical barrier to stop employees, from entering
    - People can be fined if they scab, (working when there is a picket line) so don't do it!
    - Timeline is unknown
16. First Year Report
    - absent
17. Sports Report
    - Go by bike week is done
18. International Student Report
    - absent
19. GSS Report
    - Nothing to report
20. Wellness Report
    - Nothing to report
21. Miscellaneous
    - Group photo
    - Evan thinks we should build an affordable house
    - Council spotlight form: questionnaire about yourself to be posted on social media
    - Whitecaps game depending on next year's budget

Meeting adjourned: 12:01