CGSS Meeting Agenda

Date: June 30, 2026
Time: 10 -11 am
Location: A233
Approval status: Approved

- **Call to Order: 10:03 am**
  - Present (14): Vanessa, Janice, Reanne, Hikaru, Will H, Renee, Gurcharan, Zoë, Oscar, Émilie, Khoushboo (zoom), Will B (zoom), Irene (zoom), Rodella (zoom)
  - Missing (7): Astoria (work trip), Sydney (work trip), E dog, Veronica (away), Kritika, Seja, Jae
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (June)**
  - Approved by: Émilie
  - Seconded by: Renee
- **Grad Forum (July 9)**
  - Forms have been sent to collect students' questions
  - Laurel and Glenn will answer questions
    i. Glenn will answer safety questions for Monica
  - Encourage more responses so the department is aware if many students have a common issue
  - Hikaru and Khoushboo will help pick up pizza
- **CGSS x Faculty Summer BBQ**
  - No communication from faculty, but most likely the CGSS will organize
    i. We will confirm if the faculty will pay for it before we start planning
- **CCIE (July 7)**
  - Some speakers have canceled, so we only have 3 speakers
    i. We are trying to get a 4th speaker
  - Maybe we can adopt a hybrid format so more speakers can attend
- **CGSS Programming Survey**
  - Rodella has shared a draft with the council
    i. Please let Rodella know any feedback within the next week
  - Concern with the response rate, maybe give a gift card to incentivize people
    i. The budget will be from "new initiatives"
  - Rodella is planning to send survey to grad students around July 15 and allow a 3 week response window
- **Proposal to split the VP role**
  - VP external and VP internal
  - To implement, we need to have grad students vote and reach a quorum
    i. Better to vote before the election so people know what they're running for
    ii. Maybe send out the proposal and have grad students vote at coffee time (paper and pencil method)
  - Need to be clear which duties are for which VP
    i. Importance of Exit Report
  - We are planning to update the description of roles to be more detailed so people will know what they're signing up for

- **Union Report**
    - No updates about negotiations
    - C1 component meeting yesterday
    - Moving towards job action/picket line
        i. If you join the picket line, you can't work or you will be removed from the union
    - CUPE 2278 coffee hour during coffee time
        i. Oscar and members of the component will be there to answer questions
    - Oscar asks us to message him a number indicating your participation of the strike
        i. 1- very involved
        ii. 2- strongly support
        iii. 3 – support
        iv. 4- little/no support
        v. 5- against
    - If there's a strike, we will not be paid
        i. The Union has a salary fund
        ii. Only way to get the salary is to be involved with the picket line
    - There will be a proposal sent out once negotiations are done
- **Social Coordinators Report**
    - Trivia night recap (June 12)
        i. Ended earlier than regular stressbusters
        ii. Less trivia participants because some people chose to watch FIFA
        iii. We will give a gift card to Rida for hosting
        iv. $40 gift card for 1st and 2nd place
            - But only the 2nd place claimed it
        v. Made $280
        vi. Reminder to buy gluten free/vegan options
    - Brew Off (August 14)
        i. 2 teams have signed up to brew
        ii. Difficulty getting liquor license because of slow responses from room booking
    - Welcome back
        i. Will H would like to apply for a liquor license in July
        ii. Last year, we had the stressbuster after the election
        iii. Ideally should be after the election and before the changeover dinner
- **First-year report**
    - Beach day event (July 17)
        i. Reanne has sent out the RSVP
        ii. The event might use up all the first-year budget
- **Sports Report**
    - Sports day
        i. Tentatively August 5 at 4 pm
        ii. Spend the rest of the budget for sports day
        iii. May give out leftover CGSS merch
    - Baseball outing (August 25)
        i. On bobble head and 75 cent hot dog day
- **International Student Report**
    - Absent

- **GSS Report**
    - Nothing to report
- **Wellness Report**
    - Absent
- **Miscellaneous**
    - Bard on the beach
        i. Vanessa polled grad students for which show they want to attend
            - Received a lot of responses
        ii. 15 tickets for MacBeth
        iii. 15 tickets for Goblin:Oedipus
        iv. We will only let people go to one show to be fair
        v. Might charge people $10 per ticket
    - We will also do PNE ticket sale later in August

Meeting adjourned: 11:04 am