

Meeting minutes – January 17 2014

Courtney (Chair)

- Thanks to the social coordinators for organizing the holiday party
- Inquired about coffee time (will send out doodle about the best time next week)

Amanda (Secretary/Co-Chair)

- No updates

Sarah (RTP)

- 100 applications received for the QUBS field biologist position (CRC); Top ten chosen by each member of committee and the top 5 max will get interviews
- Search committee for QNS in ecotoxicology needs a Biology Grad Rep; will check with Joanne before sending out e-mail; the person will need equity training

James (Staff & Faculty)

- No meeting in January, will be one in February
- Some issues with research day. Majority of grad students want it in April and Faculty want it in the fall

Deni & Desmond (Academic coordinators)

- Research day being planned for April; probably 12-5 on a Friday (25th)?
- 1 required poster per lab (2 max) and then short talks, as well as a keynote speaker

Vanya (QUBS Rep)

- Frank is the only one at QUBS now, Mark is no longer with us (not dead though)
- Last meeting at QUBS was in October 2013
- Carolyn Bonta is the new Elbow Lake manager and they are thinking of having her take care of some stuff at QUBS as well

Jared [and Alex –absent] (SGPS Reps)

- As it stands right now, once you've graduated and are no longer paying any money to the university you can pick up an alumni card (\$25) and this allows you to take out *books* for a two-week period. If you need access to journals through the Queen's online database your only option is to physically go to the library, and get a password from a librarian to use in the library for that given day. This could pose a serious problem to graduate students who've just defended and are still in the process of writing journal manuscripts, but are no longer in the Kingston area. I brought this up to the SGPS and while they thought that we would still have full access to library resources with an alumni card, I've since inquired at the library and it seems that is not the case. I'll get in contact with the SGPS to see if there is any way that they could help increase the length of time that grad student alumni have full access to library resources.
- Also brought up that Elbow Lake and QUBS are available as meeting spots or for retreats

Eric (Grad Studies Committee Rep)

- Wayne Snedden is now the coordinator
- Apps for new courses (some got approved) for this winter

- The committee is now Wayne Snedden, Virginia Walker, Sharon Regan, Bob Montgomerie and John Smol

Danielle & Nishka (Social Coordinators)

- Will send out email/doodle about coffee time
- Planning a chili lunch for the next two weeks at some point
- Possibly a grad student retreat the last weekend of March