

Meeting Minutes Friday Feb 28th 2014

Sarah (RTP)

- Four people of field ecologist position short list (1 female). This could change because some of the short list will likely get other job offers
- List went from 75-13-4; involvement at QUBS was heavily weighed
- RTP meeting next week about future hiring -> MCIB is next because most retirements are from MCIB and the last hire will be EEB
- Will talk about raising Paul Martin to 100 %
- The QNS in ecotoxicology is also moving forward
- Job talks are expected in March with lunches to meet grad students

Courtney (Chair)

- Proposed amendment to change the name of the committee from Bigcow to BGSC
- Will vote at next meeting
- Already has ten signatures
- Encouraged committee members to start thinking about transition reports

Amanda (Co-Chair/Secretary)

- Elections are next month; timing is below
- Mon March 3rd, email department, send a reminder three times
- Deadline to apply is Mon March 17th
- Meet and greet will be at Coffee time that week (March 20)
- Election is March 21
- Next meeting March 28
- Transition meeting April 25

Leslie (Treasurer)

- \$90 profit from chili lunch so we currently have \$522

Leslie (Union Rep)

- RA drive reps are bombarding offices; wrote to them about this issue and they don't seem to care
- Meeting with the RA drive next week to organize a general biology meeting
- Email Leslie with issues

Danielle and Nishka (Social Coordinators)

- Coffee time turnout was poor this week, will try Wed at 10AM next week and then if that doesn't work could be an afternoon or at lunch time (want to send a poll)
- Trying to plan out Elbow Lake; need to contact Carolyn Bonta, Elbow Lake manager, about availability of the facilities
- Also want to organize curling or rock climbing events
- Lasagna movie night (possibly feat. Chasing ice)

Alex and Jared (SGPS Reps)

- Annual general meeting March 18
- Elections for SGPS coming up over next couple of months
- Alex will follow up about alumni access to library

Eric (GSC Rep)

- No news, did not meet

Deni & Desmond (Academic Coordinators)

- Grad Student Research Day
 - \$1500 from dept
 - \$300 from SGS
 - \$200 from industry so far, Wayne in talks for more
 - Issues about funding posters
 - Present both grad teaching awards at event

Jordan (Sports)

- Everything going fine, most teams out for season

James (Staff & Faculty -absent)

- QGA will go up next year, by how much is unknown
- For students that go overtime one semester, no questions asked, after that some formal approval is needed

Vanya (absent)

- No update received