

Biology Graduate Student Council - Meeting minutes

November 1st, 2017

- I. Approval of the agenda for November 1st, 2017
- II. Approval of the minutes from October 16th, 2017
- III. Update from Co-Chairs – Elbow Lake retreat (2 minutes)
 - a. Does anyone have any board games we could borrow?
Sofia: 18 people will attend.
Lily will bring her board game to Kristen, anyone else wants to contribute please hand it to Kristen as well.
- IV. Update from SGPS Representative (Russell) - BGSC website (2 minutes)
Cale: Problem: not all pictures show up properly.
Dylan: 750CAD from SGPS applied. Special SGPS members meeting tonight on the renovation at JDUC. Member fee (from tuition) will be required from the members. 6.5 million estimated from SGPS. Currently: rent-free. Future: either pay rent or opt-in the renovation and remain rent-free.
Vote: 10 for, 1 against, 1 abstain. Approved.
- V. Update from Graduate Committee Representative - Tutoring contract (2 minutes)
Katie: program in help undergraduate students to get tutoring help from graduate students with experiences
will bring up the draft upon next meeting
- VI. Update from Alumni Representative - Alumni list (2 minutes)
List from Joanne, need brainstorm for ideas and start to contact the alumni
- VII. Committee Representative Updates
 - a. Staff and Faculty Representative
 - i. October meeting was canceled. Next meeting is November 27th 2017.
proposed program design for new coming students with four sessions: intro to the city, grad school, bio department, the lab. Dos and Don'ts list
Dylan: recommended facebook groups to join.
Sofia: shared documents for the committee to contribute?
Monica: will make an outline for everybody to look
 - b. SGPS Representatives
 - i. NONE(?)
 - c. RTP Representative
 - i. NONE(?)
 - d. Graduate Committee Representative
 - i. NONE(?)
 - e. Union Representative
 - i. Update from last meeting
No demands put last year have been met yet.
Potential strike next year.
Dylan: common in the negotiation process?
Yihan: yes in postdoc. Queen's hour wages lower than uft, Western etc. Their requirements have been met.
Monica: retroactive?
 - f. DSC Representative (2 minutes)
 - i. Treats with Talks and Profs is at 3:30 today in 4338A (EEB lounge)

- ii. Graduate info night is November 15th from 6-7, if anyone is interested in speaking let me know! We would just need a quick talk (~15 min) discussing grad life, funding, research etc.

VIII. Update from Co-Chairs - Constitutional amendment dates (2 minutes)

ideas for amendment and next committee meeting will be focused on this matter

Dylan: suggest a open doc for everyone to see and edit?

Co-chair: good idea.

IX. Update from Co-Chairs/Undergraduate Representative – Joint Event with the Undergraduate DSC (2 minutes)

X. Short Discussion: Small Holiday event - Decorating, Salvation Army drive, etc. (2 minutes)

XI. Other updates

- a. BGRS Update + BGRS Planning has started

tentative date: April 20th 2018

XII. Special projects (40 minutes)

- a. To be assigned at meeting

