

# Biology Graduate Student Council - Meeting Minutes

## November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- I. Approval of the agenda for November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - a. Approved by Lily, seconded by Katie
- II. Approval of the minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - a. Approved by Ryan, seconded by Mike
- III. Discussion points from Alex
  - a. Recommendation to apply for SGPS sustainability grant to buy reusable cutlery, etc. for events, instead of disposable utensils! No deadline, max amount is \$5000. Alex is going to apply. Thanks!
    - i. Events may include: new hire lunches, committee meetings and defences, seminars, BGSC fundraising and social events. ~50 sets would be ideal
  - b. Organics bins - talk to Sustainability office
- IV. Committee Representative Updates
  - a. Union Representative
    - i. No updates
  - b. Faculty and RTP Representatives
    - i. Update from Assassins!
      1. So far successful, but next time we should focus more on recruitment! It seems some people who wanted to play didn't end up signing up.
    - ii. Staff meeting
      1. New Dean of Science Council (?) - priorities are student well-being, preparation for careers, diversity of graduate committee
      2. ArtSci faculty meeting - any issues should be sent to Lily to be passed onto Brian
    - iii. Email Aly re candidates! (ranking and any notes)
  - c. SGPS Representatives
    - i. Much debate was had, will update when there is a consensus
    - ii. Upcoming referendum re winter term student activity fees; Mike can send details
    - iii. January 14th deadline to make changes to our student activity fee
    - iv. Election dates for SGPS posted; details on SGPS website
    - v. No time in meeting to bring up our concerns from our last meeting (contacting relevant departments re events, etc.)
  - d. Alumni and Graduate Committee Representative
    - i. Update from Careers Workshop
      1. Rough start, but attendees thought it was helpful (e.g. soft skills vs technical skills; elevator pitches)
      2. Next time maybe have someone who is knowledgeable about careers for Biology graduates... especially for students who don't plan on doing a post-doc or continuing in academia
    - ii. Update from BEERS Committee
      1. Cale will be presenting second part of his talk
      2. We need speakers for next semester - talk to lab mates and email Katie or Lily if interested

- e. QUBS Representative
  - i. The QUBS committee has been dissolved and now Danielle will attend staff meetings??? And follow up with Steve
- f. BGRS Representative
  - i. General update
    - 1. Funding applications will be submitted very soon
    - 2. Venue, speaker TBA
  - ii. Fundraising ideas/conflicts
    - 1. Several ideas so far
      - a. Art night - renting a room at Grad Club (~5pm on a Thursday?)  
50% to materials and 50% for fundraising
      - b. Clothing/sticker sale - less formal. Competition and students can submit designs to competition. Specific to Biology Graduates
        - i. No conflict with BGSC
        - ii. Prize to the winner?
      - c. Pub crawl? This might conflict with BGSC - joint fundraiser? Feb 12th (Darwin's birthday)
      - d. Bake sale with pre-order forms (to avoid waste, etc.). BGSC may have a bake sale next semester at some point but no conflict so far
      - e. Movie night?

V. Special projects

- a. To be assigned at meeting (but mostly - HOLIDAY PARTY!)
  - i. Note: Free ticket for sober volunteers. First come first serve, 2 max
- b.



