

BGSC Open Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2019

1. Motion to approve agenda for October 7, 2019
 - a. Riley, Ryan
2. Motion to approve minutes from September 23, 2019
 - a. Mike, Jenna
3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs
 - i. In light of climate march last week, update that SGPS is already divested from fossil fuels (or was never invested).
 - ii. Elbow Lake - R is still waiting to get bill
4. Updates from representatives:
 - a. QUBS (Matt)
 - i. Fundraising for new building
 - b. Faculty and Staff (Jenna)
 - i. Sustainability in Biosciences Complex: fume hood regulations and replacements
 - ii. Diversity and Sustainability committees
 - iii. Retirement celebrations for Mel, Bill, Bob
 - iv. International Exchange Fund has extra money so students should be encouraged to apply
 - v. Enrollment is up for Biology graduates
 - vi. TA evaluations - unsure if these are allowed within union rules.
 1. Eg would it be compulsory, etc.
 - vii. EEB lounge renovations - would cost 200k so probably not going to happen
 - viii. Change in harassment policy at Queen's - currently being debated - spread word to Biology graduates (e.g. reporting in a specific way, etc.)
 1. All complaints need to be reported to Barb V
 - c. Graduate Committee -
 - i. No updates
 - d. Union - None (?)
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 - e. SGPS - Emilie and Mike are going to an SGPS meeting tuesday Oct 8th @17:30.
 - f. RTPs - Hiring committee update (Rachel)
 - i. 5 final candidates selected, so could be 6 week interviewing process, starting week of Oct 13th
5. Update from Social coordinators - Intramurals, BEERS and CIDERS, event for October (Riley and Ryan)
 - a. BEERS and CIDERS
 - i. Next talk Weds Oct 9th on upper floor of Grad Club

- ii. Riley will rent projector
 - b. October events
 - i. Halloween pancake breakfast (Thurs Oct 31st)
 - ii. Halloween party - Regan's house - Oct 25th
 - iii. Margarita party - location TBD
 - iv. Fort Fright
 - c. Later this semester:
 - i. Assassins
 - 1. \$5 for winner gift card and for holiday party
 - ii. Holiday party date - Dec 5 or 6, or Dec 13 or 14
6. Update from Academic - TA evaluation forms - Hayden
 - a. Google form on OnQ which can be modified by profs according to context
 - b. Eg marking TAs who do not interact with students would be evaluated differently from lab demonstrators
 - c. This has been approved by graduate committee and needs to be approved by staff (and union)
 - d. Hayden and Heather will work on this - survey specific ideas from profs (e.g. what will the data be used for? etc.)
 - e.
7. BGRS update - Coco
 - a. Coco is recruiting - still need more MCIB students to join
 - b. First meeting by next week; will include setting a date
8. Today's special projects:
 - a. Ryan: book the Grizz for Holiday Party
 - b. Riley, Hayden, Mike: Brainstorm ideas for more BEERS and CIDERS
 - c. Jessie, Heather: Start digitizing the alumni lists (made an excel file in Alumni Rep folder; google people to see if can find current positions)
 - d. Emilie, Kristen: Make facebook event for the social event we chose
 - e. Coco, Rachel: Make posters for social event we chose
 - f. Jenna, Matt: Send email to Biograds and Biopdfs listservs for social event
 - g. Nell: Email Jan about getting internal queens account for \$\$
 - h. Riley: Fort Fright (poll for date, make event on FB)