

BGSC Open Meeting Minutes - Feb 22, 2021

1. Motion to approve agenda for Feb 22, 2021
 - a. Kristen, Emma
2. Motion to approve minutes from Feb 8, 2021
 - a. Hayden, Chloe
3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs (Regan & Nell)
 - i. Meeting with SCB about field course scholarship
4. Updates from representatives:
 - a. QUBS (Adam) - No updates
 - b. Faculty and RTP (Hana) -
 - i. Meeting this morning
 - ii. New ugd program assistant, Rachel Batson
 - iii. Course drop date moved to March 2nd
 - iv. Intl tuition
 1. Some confusion over QGA allotment - biology dept was allotted 1 QGA but if multiple new intl students who gets the award? Will it be spread out?
 2. Dept will fight for more QGAs
 - v. Departmental managers - if ordering for PCRs order well in advance bc there's a backlog
 - vi. Water shutdown happening in next few weeks, will be an email
 - vii. Travel credit cards now available
 - viii. Seminars - drop in attendance, talk of having one deptl seminar rather than 3 - unsure how this would look, maybe two smaller talks. Want more cross disciplinary exposure for people
 - ix. Jacqui - whenever a Queen's biograd giving seminar should aim for more attendance
 - x. Teaching fellowships - Brian: don't know details, should be getting funding (5k per student on top of guaranteed funding)
 - c. Alumni/Graduate Committee (Jessie) -
 - i. Joanne sent email to schedule next grad committee meeting
 - ii. Supposed to have web committee meeting but rescheduled for next week
 - d. SGPS (Emilie & Chloe) -
 - i. Talked about SGPS making a sort of teams page for student councils across campus to share event ideas etc
 - ii. Elections on 11th and 12th Feb, most positions uncontested. One position, VP Graduate, still open

- iii. Athletics and Wellness commission working on cooking session held by intl students - next one is tomorrow
 - iv. Working on a new cooking w grandmas with Indigenous Liaison - cooking with kokum
 - v. Running another loom beading event
 - vi. Still working on coordinating events where grad students can share unique knowledge - one coming up for bird watching
 - vii. Bus it program
 - 1. Refunding students purchasing bus passes - reimbursed 100% of those eligible so far, should continue into next year, no expectation of running out of funding
 - viii. NSERC update
 - 1. Yet to hear back from issues brought forward to CFS meeting
 - ix. SGPS events- <https://sgps.ca/eventscalendar/>
 - x. If you have event ideas- social@sgps.ca
 - e. International (Harsha & Peiwen) -
 - i. No updates
 - f. Union (Heather) -
 - i. No updates
 - g. EDI (Sam & Kristen) -
 - i. Outdoor subcommittee
 - 1. Working on equipment library,
 - 2. Also looking into outreach - met with QUBS outreach last week
 - a. Video series with tips and tricks for the outdoors
 - b. Putting together a tester video to see how it goes - outdoor etiquette
 - c. QUBS will help us put this on a platform where people can see it
 - ii. Who belongs outside workshop
 - 1. Barriers BIPOC face in the outdoors
 - 2. Free event, 8-10pm EST Wednesday
 - 3. If interested register here: <https://fb.me/e/2pf5qtwR5>
 - h. Undergrads (Danica) -
 - i. No updates
5. Update from Social coordinators (Ryan & Emma) -
- a. Ryan has started trivia series this last week
 - b. Ran first Friday night casual get together Friday before reading week - might try again soon
 - c. Casual crafting over zoom?

- d. Potential skiing at Little Cat Conservation Area?
 - e. Crossover events with Bio undergrad DSC - first event probably the last
6. Update from Academic (Hayden) -
- a. Drawdown speaker - organization that focuses on implementing climate solutions
- Vicki and Paul working with Hayden on this
 - b. Writing workshop and TAing workshop coming up
7. BGRS update (Allen) - No update
8. Discussion
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