Meeting Minutes – Feb 8 2013

Cat (Chair)

- Voted on proposed constitutional amendment to add a Union Rep (PSAC Steward) to BiGCoW 8/8 voted in favour
- Working on the RTP Amendment, will be ready soon and might call a meeting sooner than the next to vote on it; tenure review and appt stays the same unless it conflicts with the RTP then they will call an election. For new hires, an election will be organized by the RTP with very specific timelines 2 days to call election and 5 days to give the dept the name of the grad student rep. RTP can run for this. Ensures someone in the open positions field has a chance to sit on the committee

Amanda (Co-Chair/Secretary)

• No news

Steph and Courtney (Social Coordinators)

- Feb 19; skating during reading week
- Feb 28; lunch before EEB, turkey chili

Kate and Trevor (absent) (SGPS)

• SGPS meeting following week

Ally (Treasurer/Staff and Faculty Rep) (absent)

• No news

Eric (Grad Student Committee Rep)

• TA Survey for fall hours next week

Julia (Sports)

• Sports are going well

Julia and Sarah (Grad student research day)

- 19 of April (debated between weekend or weekday and which weekend; decided on 19)
- 80 people plus faculty
- Posters, ten min seminars, video/lab talks
- Lunch and social
- 3000\$ for dept
- Applying to student initiatives

• Debated other depts. Being invited but decided against it

Kim (RTP)

• 3-4 new faculty positions in 2012/2013 budget (for entire University); Biology will try to get another, probably have a good chance

Vanya (absent) (QUBS)