

## BiGCoW Meeting Minutes October 25, 2013

### Courtney – Chair

- One candidate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> social coordinator position: votes 8/8 in favour for Veronika Wright
- Name change; proposed change of name to Biology Graduate Student Council (9/9 in favour)

### Amanda – Co-chair & Alumni Rep

- Next meeting date will be Nov 22, 2013
- Has e-mailed some people about a potential Alumni BEERS in November when convocation happens

### Cassie, Danielle – Social Coordinators

- Moved Coffee time to Wednesdays at 10AM; Thursdays also work but it is too close to EEB
- Some other committee members signed up to bring treats
- Going to have a crock pot lunch the week after Hallowe'en
- Wed Oct 30 @ 8PM Hallowe'en movie night and pizza

### Leslie – Treasurer & PSAC Rep

- John Topping was worried about money being stolen; decided to keep it locked away on our own
- Missed last PSAC meeting; no updates

### Deni & Desmond – Academic Coordinators

- Talked to both Bob and Sarah about Grad Student Research day. Want to gauge interest first to ensure it is worthwhile to go forward with
- Will set up a survey and send out on Monday
- Desmond suggested to Bob to talk to Supervisors about getting students interested in the event

### Jordan – Sports Coordinator

- Intramurals are running well and teams are winning
- Next month will start to think about BEWICS

### Eric – Grad Studies Committee Rep

- Assigned Queen Elizabeth Scholarships

- SGS is worried about lack of progress reports submitted, so submit yours. This is the Student-Supervisor agreement
- Counseling is now available through the SGS
- Recruiting needs to be focused on, Eric suggested actually going and visiting other Universities, but no action thus far
- Undergrads will be needed as TAs coming in the next school year likely, and Eric reiterated the Committees feelings about having Undergrads only in subordinate marking positions
- Talk about whether Grad Student research day will happen
- Guide to Grad Studies is being updated with an FAQ

James – Staff & Faculty Rep

- Mostly undergrad issues at the meeting
- Grad students aren't worth anything to the school (money-wise) which is why they focus so much on Undergrad recruitment and not Grad
  - It will be the focus in the future, pending money in budget

Jared – SGPS Rep

- New Chaplin
- New Communications Coordinator (Email Iain Reeve if interested)

Absent: Vanya, Alex, Sarah