

Meeting Minutes – February 27th, 2015

Amanda – Chair

- 2015-2106 BGSC General Election nomination period opens on March 1st, 2015. Nomination period is open until March 17th, and then will be followed by a meet and greet of the candidates March 18th at the BGSC weekly coffee time. Elections will be held on March 19th, and candidates successfully nominated will start their terms on May 1st, 2015.

Veronika – Alumni

- Met with alumni association again. Benjamin Seawald will now be our main contact for all alumni relationships.
- The goal for this academic year is to now build a foundation of resources and connections that can be built upon for future alumni reps

Michele – QUBS Rep

- Steve Lougheed and a few volunteers started moving items from the Herbarium up to the new library building at QUBS

Alex – Co-Chair/Secretary

- No update

Leslie – Social Coordinator (not present)

- Looking to plan an end of year event. Suggestions include holding an event similar to the welcome back barbeque that was held at the Grad Club.
Updates to follow

Deni – Graduate Committee Rep

- No update

James - Staff and Faculty Rep

- No update

Shakira – Treasurer

- Have ~\$623.00

Courtney and Danielle – SGPS

- Ontario Disability training is now mandatory for all TAs. Many graduate students that are currently TAs will have already completed this training. However, for incoming students, or those who don't have the training they will now be compensated. There will be no retroactive compensation for those that have already completed the training

Adam – PSAC Union Rep

- TA union has formed a “website research committee”. A motion was passed for this working group to look at content, display, etc. of the PSAC website, and recommendations will be made to improve the website.
- A motion was raised in regards to the transparency of the union in regards to their finances and future plans based on executive council minutes. The motion was ultimately struck down. This was because the union doesn’t want the employer (the university) to know their strategy. All information is accessible by request.

Dave – Academic Rep

- Surveys have been handed to profs of graduate courses for course feedback
- Moodle site has seen limited traffic, but content will be added, and awareness of its existence and use will be promoted