BGSC December 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Invoice for Elbow Lake

- Anna to pay Jan McGraw for elbow lake
- Staff meeting has been cancelled for November

Social Coordinator Updates

Academic Coordinator

- New member of organizing committee: Andrew Labaj
- Committee Consists of Cale, Howard, Andrew, Sofia, Sarah

SGPS General Meeting

- Big discussion was the fall reading week
- Looks like Thursday and Friday of orientation will be classes now
- Does not affect graduate student orientation week, maybe earlier TA responsibilities
- Grad students are part of the decision making process here

  Extended Counselling
  - Undergraduates away

SGPS Pushing for Editing Service

- Peer editing service, probably across departmental. Some form of payment for editors.

Grad Student Space

- Second floor of the JDUC

Grad Council Meeting

PHD Payment

- Looks like a really big payment increase will occur

Quality Assurance

- Increase the number of grad courses
- 5 year review
- Capping the number of students in 860 or 861
  - No one has jumped to take the social media position - Have there been advertisements? Howard to look into it.
Social Coordinator

- No money for any social activities (currently rewriting budget?)
- Next summer write up a formal budget

Door decorating contest

Choose to participate or not. Friday afternoon if you participated you voted for your favourite door and treats. HAVE LABS RSVP.

- Really late in December, what should we do?
  - Door decorating for next week or the week after?
- Challenges with social events.
- Have a few quality events over many lower quality events
- Potluck at Sofia’s house on the 17th
- Skating at Market Square
- Social problem

Undergrad Meeting

- Grad student tutoring service
  - Class list will be distributed to grad students. If you feel you are able to TA a particular course you can put you name under that class. Approx. $35/hour.
  - Pool and pint night Jan 16th. Trying to plan it for the Grizz.

TA Contracts

- Chemistry has argued that if you TA and have a scholarship you are still able to TA
  - Might need to look into the details
  - Look at the ombudsmen office
  - Negotiation for post-docs and overtime
  - Complaints of too much work
  - Overtime working between Dec 25th to Jan 1st.
  - Child care benefits for MSc

Coffee Time

- Howard cannot organize it
- Sofia to organize it (bi-weekly)