

## **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 17<sup>th</sup>
- 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 your name under that class. Approx. \$35/hour.
- Pool and pint night Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup> to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Child care benefits for MSc

## **Coffee Time**

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