Biology Graduate Student Council - Meeting Agenda

February 26th, 2018

- I. Approval of the agenda for February 26th, 2018
- II. Approval of the minutes from February 12th, 2018
- III. Update from Co-Chairs Constitutional Amendments Meeting (2 minutes)
 - a. This Thursday 5 7pm, 3110
- IV. Update from Co-Chairs Internal Academic Review Meeting (2 minutes)
 - a. March 9th 12-1pm, up to 20 people could attend. Free lunch will be provided.
- V. Committee Representative Updates
 - a. Staff and Faculty Representative
 - i. Update from February staff meeting
 - 1. Dean of art and science talk, PR stuff. Queen's do not have enough grad students to fill the spot. 81 phd, 300-ish master. related to the funding from the government. Very high graduate rate of undergraduate students. suggested more funding from the university to recruit more students. exploratory and curiosity based research. RTP committee 87 applicants for the ecology faculty position. Biology 2nd courses the most demanding. suggestion: take out completely the lab part of 201/202/205/206 and combine them into a new course. budget came out.
 - b. SGPS Representatives
 - i. NONE(?)
 - c. Graduate Committee Representative
 - i. Updates from Feb 21st meeting
 - 1. Stipend increase. expansion funding to recruit more grad students
 - d. Union Representative
 - i. NONE(?)
 - e. DSC Representative
 - i. NONE(?)
- VI. Other updates
 - a. Tutor contract: not to tutor lab materials. motion passed. indigenous course requirement? SGPS: president election on March, bus fee referendum. grad jduc fee passed. undergrad not passed
- VII. Special projects (40 minutes)
 - a. To be assigned at meeting