

# Biology Graduate Student Council - Meeting Minutes

## September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- I. Approval of the agenda for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - a. Approved by Aly, Regan seconds.
- II. Approval of the minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - a. Approved by Cale, Mike seconds.
- III. Update from Co-Chairs - Orientation Debrief (2 minutes)
  - a. Feedback:
    - i. Underattended, especially by current students. More advertisement?
    - ii. Consider making it mandatory?
    - iii. Not helpful for people who did undergrad at Queen's
    - iv. Barbecue went well!
    - v. Presentation was also helpful and interesting
    - vi. People liked having food.
- IV. Update from Co-Chairs - Elbow Lake Retreat (2 minutes)
  - a. Date moved (September gets booked a year in advance)
  - b. Tentatively booked for Fri Oct 26-Oct 27 or Sat Nov 3rd/4th. Discussion on what time to leave.
  - c. Poll is open on the Facebook page.
- V. Committee Representative Updates
  - a. Faculty and RTP Representative
    - i. Lily- update on meeting
      1. Nick Mosey was there re grants, research. Dean wants to make research top priority; additional support for profs. Ask Lily for more details!
      2. Reading week: still some problems (e.g., not enough time for travelling out of province, turnover times for labs). Brian said this is approved until 2021. Contact Brian for details
      3. Drinks with Profs thursday.. Grad students invited.
      4. There are currently 99 graduate students in the department, so we only need 1 Representative.
      5. Advertise tutoring program to friends!
      6. Greenhouse update/renovations - Sharon will provide details soon and there will be a meeting
  - b. SGPS Representatives
    - i. Mike
      1. Meetings start in October
      2. Currently no notes for Mike to bring up
  - c. Alumni and Graduate Committee Representative- Katie
    - i. Beers w/ profs coming up soon (Sept 27)
      1. Graduate students encouraged to join!
    - ii. Info night for upper year undergraduates?
      1. Panel (next semester)
    - iii. Tutor/tutee stuff

1. Posters are up around the building; encourage people to join! We only have 3 people signed up so far.
  2. Undergraduate interest seems good.
  3. Link on DSC page with list of tutors and their skills, etc. There will be contracts for both tutors and tutees.
  4. Note tutors will not edit assignments. Those concerns will be directed to Barb's writing program
- iv. BEERS
    1. Successful first BEERS (Sept 19th)! Great turnout! Yay!
    2. Next BEERS will be next week (Stories from the Field). Encourage people to speak! So far Russell and Brody have signed up. 5-10 mins per speaker
  - d. Union Representative
    - i. Meeting is tomorrow!!! Go Carmen
  - e. QUBS Representative
    - i. Danielle
- VI. Other updates?
- a. Google Drive Access and Contact Information (5 minutes)
    - i. Members logged into the drive and discussed using the drive
    - ii. Contact information on website
  - b. Bring laptops to every meeting! Ideally, all student council work should be done during the meeting
  - c. Headshots that all look the same for website (during one-on-ones). Wear black?
- VII. Special projects
- a. To be assigned at meeting