

Biology Graduate Student Council - Meeting Minutes

October 29th, 2018

- I. Approval of the agenda for October 29th, 2018
 - a. Approved by Mike, seconded by Katie
- II. Approval of the minutes from October 15th, 2018
 - a. Approved by Ryan, seconded by Lily
- III. Update from Social Coordinators - Elbow Lake Retreat and Halloween Pancakes Reminder (2 minutes)
 - a. Elbow Lake
 - i. 25 people signed up so far. More than enough cars so far.
 - ii. Will bring eggs, pancakes, basics
 - b. Halloween Pancake Breakfast
 - i. We have pancake mix, etc.
- IV. Update from Social Coordinators - Holiday Party (2 minutes)
 - a. Holiday Party
 - i. Things are in motion with the Grizz, details to come!
- V. Update from BEERS Committee - Movie Night (2 minutes)
- VI. Committee Representative Updates
 - a. Faculty and RTP Representatives
 - i. Focus of previous meeting was mostly for undergraduates
 - ii. Dan: Associate Dean was talking about International Tuition waivers for phd students; funding cuts from new provincial government. Note if international students already have it they will not be cut out
 - iii. Vice provost: ON universities enrollments mainly focused on own graduate students; may be related to why Queen's is having trouble recruiting outside department
 - iv. Fall preview for prospective graduate students: need some graduate students to help out
 - v. Candidate lunches: Lily is going to the lunch; Aly is coordinating people for the lunch
 - b. SGPS Representatives
 - i. Next meeting Nov 6th
 - ii. Pros and cons to different restructuring ideas; these will be discussed on Nov 6th
 - c. Alumni and Graduate Committee Representative
 - i. Workshop speaker?
 1. Nov 20th
 2. Getting a speaker: if anyone has any ideas for a speaker, let Katie know! Maybe somebody outside of the department.
 - a. Kat Dale?
 - b. Amanda Tracey?
 - c. Maria from Plaxton lab?
 - ii. Fort Fright for BGSC bonding night
 1. Poll is on FB page
 2. Will probably cancel this, but hope is to have a different bonding night

- iii. BEERS this week
 - 1. Halloween party, Cane Toads documentary, costume competition (?)
 - d. Union Representative
 - i. International Graduate Student Committee has been made; let Carmen know if you want to join
 - ii. E.g issues like paying tuition over the summer when not taking classes or doing research etc.
 - iii. RA bargaining: no progress made so far. Updates to come (including graduate student contracts)
 - e. QUBS Representative
 - i. No updates
 - f. BGRS meeting
 - i. Date TBA
 - ii. Next meeting is Wednesday Oct 31st
 - iii. Still need MCIB volunteers: Monica will try to recruit at the MCIB seminar this Thursday
 - iv. Funding applications are in the works
- VII. Other updates?
- VIII. Special projects
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