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
   a.