Biology Graduate Student Council - Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2018

I. Approval of the agenda for November 12th, 2018
   a. Approved by Lily, seconded by Mike

II. Approval of the minutes from October 29th, 2018
   a. Approved by Katie, seconded by Danielle

III. Update from Social Coordinators - Recap of Elbow Lake Retreat and Halloween Pancakes (2 minutes)
   a. Elbow Lake
      i. Successful, $30 per person
      ii. Total food expenses $100 plus cabins
      iii. Good turnout for potluck contributions
   b. Halloween pancakes
      i. Made $46, successful

IV. Update from Social Coordinators - Holiday Party (2 minutes)
   a. Intramurals
      i. Sign ups for winter: Wednesday Nov 14th
      ii. Dodgeball, and maybe also volleyball
      iii. Poll will be on facebook page
   b. Holiday Party
      i. Booking confirmed - private downstairs area with dance floor, seating area, and bar
      ii. Can't bring in outside food, were given selection of party platter items
      iii. Should end up being cheaper than last year (University Club)
      iv. Will ask for $750 from bursary - maybe get some more departmental support
      v. Date: Thurs Dec 13th, ~7-11pm

V. Update from Academic Coordinator - Standardized TA Evaluations, Teaching Dossier Workshop, and Succulent Sale (2 minutes)
   a. TA feedback
      i. Currently writing report for Grad Committee; don't meet regularly (can coordinate with Katie)
      ii. Collecting feedback from various courses
      iii. Platform 2Fast???
      iv. Should be done by December and ready for Winter semester
   b. Teaching Dossier workshop
      i. Ask Jackie to present hers?
      ii. Still set for January
   c. Succulent sale
      i. Have quotes, still need to arrange with the two campus conservation societies
      ii. Valentine's Day?

VI. Committee Representative Updates
   a. Union Representative
      i. Update from Steward’s Meeting
         1. No new meetings
         2. International Students Committee
3. No agreement so far on RA definition

b. Faculty and RTP Representatives
   i. Update from Staff Meeting
      1. No new meetings; recap from last meeting: international tuition waivers, graduate recruitment issues
   ii. Update from Systems Biology Hire
      1. Nicole Templeman
         a. Seminar Nov 13th  9:30am  (Biosciences 1103)
         b. Lunch Nov 13th 11am

c. SGPS Representatives
   i. Upcoming meeting
      1. Mike will bring up contacting relevant departments for events: e.g. greenhouse event, and inquire about restructuring
   ii. Update for Assassins (with Lily!)
      1. Decent turnout, deadline is today, will be ~80 for Holiday Party
      2. Game starts tomorrow Nov 13th
      3. Prof sponsorships of students?

d. Alumni and Graduate Committee Representative
   i. Update for Careers Workshop
      1. Immediately follows undergraduate career workshop
      2. Advertising is in the works
   ii. Update from BEERS Committee
      1. Previous BEERS was Cane Toads documentary - successful
      2. Next BEERS (Nov 14th) - Brody
      3. Need to recruit for next semester, encourage lab mates and friends (especially MCIB)
      4. Maybe a CIDERS-only night to encourage MCIB participation?

e. QUBS Representative
   i. No updates from Sonia
   ii. Newsletter recently released and was shared on facebook page
      1. Highlights: birdhouse building workshop (December)