BGSC Open Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2019

1. Motion to approve agenda for October 7, 2019
   a. Riley, Ryan

2. Motion to approve minutes from September 23, 2019
   a. Mike, Jenna

3. Updates
   a. Update from co-chairs
      i. In light of climate march last week, update that SGPS is already divested from fossil fuels (or was never invested).
      ii. Elbow Lake - R is still waiting to get bill

4. Updates from representatives:
   a. QUBS (Matt)
      i. Fundraising for new building
   b. Faculty and Staff (Jenna)
      i. Sustainability in Biosciences Complex: fume hood regulations and replacements
      ii. Diversity and Sustainability committees
      iii. Retirement celebrations for Mel, Bill, Bob
      iv. International Exchange Fund has extra money so students should be encouraged to apply
      v. Enrollment is up for Biology graduates
      vi. TA evaluations - unsure if these are allowed within union rules.
         1. Eg would it be compulsory, etc.
      vii. EEB lounge renovations - would cost 200k so probably not going to happen
      viii. Change in harassment policy at Queen’s - currently being debated - spread word to Biology graduates (e.g. reporting in a specific way, etc.)
         1. All complaints need to be reported to Barb V
   c. Graduate Committee -
      i. No updates
   d. Union - None (?)
      i. No updates
   e. SGPS - Emilie and Mike are going to an SGPS meeting Tuesday Oct 8th @17:30.
   f. RTPs - Hiring committee update (Rachel)
      i. 5 final candidates selected, so could be 6 week interviewing process, starting week of Oct 13th

5. Update from Social coordinators - Intramurals, BEERS and CIDERS, event for October (Riley and Ryan)
   a. BEERS and CIDERS
      i. Next talk Weds Oct 9th on upper floor of Grad Club
ii. Riley will rent projector

b. October events
   i. Halloween pancake breakfast (Thurs Oct 31st)
   ii. Halloween party - Regan’s house - Oct 25th
   iii. Margarita party - location TBD
   iv. Fort Fright

c. Later this semester:
   i. Assassins
      1. $5 for winner gift card and for holiday party
   ii. Holiday party date - Dec 5 or 6, or Dec 13 or 14

6. Update from Academic - TA evaluation forms - Hayden
   a. Google form on OnQ which can be modified by profs according to context
   b. Eg marking TAs who do not interact with students would be evaluated differently from lab demonstrators
   c. This has been approved by graduate committee and needs to be approved by staff (and union)
   d. Hayden and Heather will work on this - survey specific ideas from profs (e.g. what will the data be used for? etc.)
   e. 

7. BGRS update - Coco
   a. Coco is recruiting - still need more MCiB students to join
   b. First meeting by next week; will include setting a date

8. Today’s special projects:
   b. Riley, Hayden, Mike: Brainstorm ideas for more BEERS and CIDERS
   c. Jessie, Heather: Start digitizing the alumni lists (made an excel file in Alumni Rep folder; google people to see if can find current positions)
   d. Emilie, Kristen: Make facebook event for the social event we chose
   e. Coco, Rachel: Make posters for social event we chose
   f. Jenna, Matt: Send email to Biograds and Biopdfs listservs for social event
   g. Nell: Email Jan about getting internal queens account for $$
   h. Riley: Fort Fright (poll for date, make event on FB)