1. Motion to approve agenda for March 2, 2020
   a. Jenna, Ryan
2. Motion to approve minutes from February 10, 2020
   a. Riley, Coco
3. Updates
   a. Update from co-chairs
      i. Update on the Grad Vote
         1. Mike initiated survey among SGPS reps
         2. SGPS (Leo) contacted us and reached out to SGS - apparently it is legal - the university is only required to receive our feedback and not necessarily our votes
         3. This upcoming hire we will not have a vote… but we can attend all lunches and be very involved!
      ii. Biol 537 poster judging
         1. We encourage everyone to judge! Should stick to our own fields but outside of our lab group. Each judge is assigned to 5 posters (in previous, some judges did 5, others did 2, so this is more standardized)
         2. Judging session is Friday March 13th 2:30-5:30pm in Biosciences Atrium
      iii. Thanks to those who came to D&D night
          1. It was very successful! Yay!
4. Updates from representatives:
   a. QUBS - none. Still winter.
   b. Faculty and Staff - February meeting was cancelled; nothing to report. Next meeting in March (TBA)
   c. Graduate Committee - none
   d. SGPS -
      i. As noted above, Mike brought up the survey
      ii. A contact with Arts and Science was recommended (why?)
      iii. Fall reading week moved from Thursday to Friday - survey of students will come out soon
      iv. Standardizing reading break among grad students
      v. Intramurals are a thing
      vi. SGPS fee ($103) will become mandatory. Student can view how fee is broken up. (This is because a group of universities took this issue to Canadian supreme court against ON provincial government and won. yay).
      vii. Coronavirus-related harassment discussed. SGPS formed working group to tackle this issue
viii. Change in PhD tuition fees for International students to be the same as domestic students? This working group report will be out ASAP, which will provide some clarity
ix. Proportional representation
x. Professional headshots Jan 30th
xi. Excel workshop still happening. March 9th
xii. Conference - International representation - 25 tickets left!
xiii. DJ Night at Grad Club
xiv. Winterlude trip successful
xv. SGPS Got Talent - March 15th
xvi. Maple Madness at Little Cat
xvii. Teaching Excellence awards - March 18th deadline for nominations
e. RTPs - candidate interviews starting next week -
   i. First lunches are March 10th, 13th
   ii. Seminars TBA
   iii. We have feedback forms for the lunches and seminars
f. International - Poster making, solidarity walk-out
   i. Report TBA - so far information seems to be conflicting.
   ii. Climate strike is cancelled (?)
   iii. Everyone should come to walk-out on Wednesday!
   iv. Questionnaire for department Intl students about concerns that Peiwen and Harsha can address with SGPS
g. Union - ??
   i. Training event for TAs - decolonizing education - late Spring
   ii. Health and Safety office - accessibility issues - there is funding available for upgrading buildings in terms of safety
   iii. Updating Time Tracker app
   iv. Issues with TA training - make sure you are being paid for TA training hours
      1.
5. Update from Social coordinators -
a. BEERS and CIDERS
   i. BEERS will pick back up March 11th - photo montage, storytelling of Brazil trip (Riley, Hayden, and Allen)
   ii. Other TBA talk ideas - Goop, Beer 101, Birds vs Fish
b. St. Patrick's day activities
   i. As usual, pancakes. Tuesday this year!
c. Anything else? - hide n seek (last year was very fun!)
   i. March 22nd!
6. Update from Academic - None
7. BGRS update -
   a. Keynote and Plenary #1 are booked
   b. Figuring out hospitality and food plans
   c. Recruiting student speakers ASAP

8. Special projects - event/fundraising ideas?
   a. Hide and seek will be March 22
   b. Spring BBQ/courtyard revitalization. Could be by donation?
      i. May also have this after BGRS (which ends at 4pm)
   c. Easter egg hunt?
   d. Bucket hat fundraising?

9. Squirrel status update - it is still in the ceiling. Animal control set a trap but hasn’t caught it yet