

BGSC Exec Meeting Agenda - April 27, 2020

1. Motion to approve agenda for April 27, 2020 - Jenna and Mike
2. Motion to approve minutes from April 13, 2020 - Coco and Heather
3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs
 - i. Tuition waiver faculty support update - got 4 faculty signatures, will send to provost tomorrow (SGPS planning to petition Ontario government)
 - ii. Bi-weekly meetings in May due to crisis
4. Updates from representatives:
 - a. QUBS -??
 - b. Faculty and Staff - Meeting from April. 24
 - i. Possibly going to allow grad students to slowly get into the building one by one
 - ii. Next year, will either start in Sept or Oct or a remote start in Sept and then normal start in Jan
 - iii. TAs will be essential for this
 - iv. Allegedly Queen's will make decisions about this in the next week
 - v. We will not be remote in the fall (only undergrads)
 - vi. Recommend deferring NSERC starts from Sept to Jan
 - vii. Might course-load this coming fall for grad students (get them all done bc can't do research)
 - viii. Might be a set of courses in the summer for grad students that would appear on fall transcript (even if you don't start until Sept you can take them)
 - ix. Will be an increased TA need in the fall because moving online
 - x. Defenses/comps all online for PhDs, MSc defence is based on you and your supervisor's organization for logistics (if you need help, Joanne and Dan can help)
 - xi. Faculty meetings every two weeks for now
 - xii. Faculty asked that if we got CESB would we reconsider reimbursement of summer tuition?
 - c. Graduate Committee
 - i. Dan's PhD recruitment emails - just wanted to make sure registrations were correct
 - ii. OGS meeting - Riley sent rankings to Joanne (Dan sent email early last week but no meeting apparently has happened)
 - iii. Guide to Grad studies - will work on next week to send to Dan once OGS stuff is done
 - iv. Alumni summer project - Jessie has alumni list, give it a look to try and get some cool non-academic talks for us in the summer/next year
 - d. SGPS - meeting on April 14th

- i. Dean led movement for tuition waiver
 - ii. New enrolment terms (decrease in targets for grad enrolment in fall) due to “not as competitive” funding package due to COVID-19
 - iii. Trying to move library resources online
 - iv. Hiring Grad Support Center position (\$500/month position!)
 - v. Grad student fee reduction for international students recommendations were put forward for 2021-2022 year
 - vi. Elections - speaker and deputy speaker (our own Harsha ran!)
 - vii. Covid response updates on SGPS website
 - viii. Operational changes to shift out of opt-out
 - e. RTPs - no updates
 - f. International - International students CESB petition
 - i. CESB currently excludes international students - we could work with a human rights group who is looking into this. Domestic students can also petition
 - ii. Harsha will post link to the FB group
 - iii. Criteria is currently very vague re graduate students.
 - g. Union - Petition to suspend summer graduate tuition update
 - i. Union is working with SGPS, but things have been quiet. Hopefully there will be an update soon
5. Update from Social coordinators -
- a. Mini-beers went great, more on the way
 - b. Next time will be on Friday May 8th - the topic will be Beer! Very exciting.
 - c. Weekly trivia is also going great
6. Update from Academic - N/A
7. BGRS update
- a. Funding sources have asked for money to be returned, but they will return it for next year.. But we should find out how long this time period is (until next May). Coco will follow up
8. Discussion
- a. Summer proxies and open positions next year
 - i. Co-chair - **Vote today for Nell**
 - 1. Sec/Treas
 - ii. Faculty rep? We will advertise to fill Jenna’s position
 - iii. SGPS rep? Will leave till Sept
 - iv. Any others