

BGSC Exec Meeting Agenda - August 24, 2020

1. Motion to approve agenda for August 24, 2020
 - a. hANA, Mike
2. Motion to approve minutes from August 10, 2020
 - a. Peiwen, Hayden
3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs
 - i. Anonymous workplace climate survey, will send around in Sept
 - ii. Orientation plans
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12hZx5Ynesz8iyFkHc6ZXpqf-IDYgDmX6/viaw?usp=sharing>
 1. Orientation presentations (Dept head, rep for grad studies committee, Joanne, Center for Teaching and Learning, Union rep) - September 9th, 12:30pm
 2. BGSC elections on Sept 14th 4pm, will need to get signatures in advance since it will be on zoomy zoom. TBD exact virtual election details.
 3. After that we will schedule future meetings with the new executive
4. Updates from representatives:
 - a. QUBS - losing 2 QUBS staff (Research Coord. & Database) due to budget cuts
 - b. Faculty and Staff - none
 - c. Alumni/Graduate Committee - none
 - d. SGPS - Meeting update
 - i. First meeting of the summer!
 - ii. VP graduate - reports of delayed stipend payments - if you are having a problem you can email Courtney. Issues may be due to differences in billing system (yet tuition payments are working).
 - iii. New alcohol policy for orientation is now essentially irrelevant but moving forward all orientation events must be dry.
 - iv. Finance-related: health and dental fees will go down \$10. Society fees - back to how it was before - can opt-out of specific fees.
 - v. 3 positions on senate
 - vi. ARC re-opening on the Sept 8th with reduced capacity, safety protocols, etc.
 - vii. Indigenous rep - positive feedback. Social events in Sept being planned.
 - viii. Update to privacy policy (re data on graduate students) - now they will be publishing what they are recording.
 - ix. Many issues to tackle with the SGPS upcoming!
 - x. Bus pass situation - Mike will look into this!
 - e. RTPs - n/a
 - f. International -

- i. Intl student working group working on a statement re tuition hike for Intl students - BGSC will support whatever statement they produce and members can sign.
 - g. Union - n/a
 - h. EDI -
 - i. Code of Conduct - Shelley made a mock infographic (maybe displayed on new TVs?). There will also be a longer version available on the website
 - ii. Departmental committee representation. Brian supports this but it is a concern that female faculty may become overburdened with extra responsibilities - this could be brought up at the faculty retreat (?)
 - iii. Grad Committee recommendations (e.g re admissions process) - EDI committee is working on ideas that they will forward to the committee
 - iv. Cooperate with outdoors club for equipment co-op and outdoor training - they are willing to collaborate but need to come up with some specifics. Kristen is working on this
 - v. How to be an ally in the outdoors - anti-racism in the outdoors Info Session via Project Canoe (will share on FB and slack)
 - vi. Inter-departmental talks - intersectional environmentalism
 - vii. Panel discussion as part of EEB seminar series. Have speakers - more details coming soon!
 - viii. Comprehensive resource list for department (eg support services, scholarships, etc.)
 - i. Post-doc - none
5. Update from Social coordinators -
- a. Riley was working on BEERS intro seminar for orientation - but not enough interest on FB so far.
 - b. Book club going well - Riley will continue emailing
 - c. Virtual games night for orientation - e.g. jackbox, etc. Logistics?
 - i. Breakout rooms on Zoom? With each room having an experienced BGSC "leader"?
 - d. Riley will continue coordinating book club but will be ending position as social coordinator.
 - e. Ryan is converting the Kingston list into presentation-style & will send around on Orientation day
6. Update from Academic - orientation
- a. Mentoring program: Online virtual social event with scattergories & trivia?
 - i. Will see what turnout is for first games night and update with details TBD.
 - b. Virtual tour of the building?
 - c. Try for one event/month for first semester between mentors/mentees.
7. BGRS update -

- a. Serious deficit of presenters! Committee is trying to get presenter for each lab group.
- b. Coco has also requested profs to ask their students to present.
- c. Committee has also pushed the registration deadline another week (next Friday)
- d. Keynote/plenary TBD - but trying for Dr. DiCenzo

8. Discussion -