

BGSC Exec Meeting Minutes - Feb 8 2021

1. Motion to approve agenda for Feb 8, 2021
 - a. Harsha, Heather
 2. Motion to approve minutes from Jan 25, 2021
 - a. Harsha, Adam
 3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs (Regan & Nell)
 - i. Unconscious bias seminar & dept leadership discussion with Maydianne Andrade
 1. Great discussion on grad student recruitment, letters of recommendation, department culture, and more
 - a. Might be good to meet again with same people for more detailed discussion
 - ii. Zoom working session on Feb 1st - lower attendance but still helpful!
 1. Add a morning session?
4. Updates from representatives:
 - a. QUBS (Adam)
 - i. Unofficial update from QUBS staff meeting - assume field work will be similar to last year
 - ii. Looking for people for contributing to QUBS spring newsletter
 1. Email Adam if you want to contribute
 - iii. Allen: https://qubs.ca/fulford_symposium
 - b. Faculty and RTP (Hana) -
 - i. No updates
 - c. Alumni/Graduate Committee (Jessie) -
 - i. Meeting about website pushed until next week
 - d. SGPS (Emilie & Chloe) -
 - i. SGPS is running their elections for the exec committee, meeting was voting on who is running in election
 - ii. NSERC update:
 1. Emilie, Chloe and Allen compiled research on cost of living, increased tuition, why NSERC hasn't increased compared to provincial scholarships, brought these forward to Anthony VP Finance for SGPS
 2. Anthony will share info put together with CFS lobby group meeting Feb 16 to 19, as well as with chair that's part of lobbying

for NSERC and another lobbying for company that creates funds for triagency

3. Moving forward will have more details after Feb 16-19 meeting
 - iii.
 - e. International (Harsha & Peiwen) -
 - i. No updates
 - f. Union (Heather) -
 - i. Union having issues with website emails - things keep going into junk, Heather will make sure emails forwarded to biograds
 - ii. This is a bargaining year, will try to get as much involvement from membership in creating new collective agreement, have convos with people and get them involved. In a couple months will brainstorm ways to get people engaged.
 - g. EDI (Sam & Kristen) -
 - i. Helping Intl students unable to TA from outside Canada
 1. EDI committee said there nothing they can do, Sam reaching out to local MPs to see if anything we can do on our own
 - ii. Attended unconscious bias training
 - iii. Outdoors subcommittee
 1. Will do another thorough search for groups doing similar things make outdoors more inclusive
 2. Funding - waiting to hear back
 3. Gear room - will have a room to put gear in
 4. Website - looking into making a website. Will be spot for sponsorships for companies willing to donate gear or sponsor program.
 5. Waivers - waiting to hear if people will need to sign waivers
 - h. Undergrads (Danica) -
 - i. Grad/ugrad social potentially - like beers with profs
 1. Bio DSC interested in a grad council event - ryan and emma join slack feed for socials group.
 2. Ryan: 12rjk2@queensu.ca, Emma: 14eccs@queensu.ca
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5. Update from Social coordinators (Ryan & Emma) -
 - a. Trivia
 - i. Ryan sent out doodle poll for trivia, will be thurs 7 or 8pm. Will start trivia next thursday, will send more information our way later this week.
 - ii. Also proposed a mix and mingle between old and new grads. Maybe make new teams. But 0 responses. Might try again in a diff context later on.

- b. Emma - thinking of making event for this coming weekend, something casual to meet up and form trivia teams
- 6. Update from Academic (Hayden) -
 - a. 2 workshops upcoming (writing in a pandemic, TAing), will be happening early March, more info closer to
- 7. BGRS update (Allen) -
 - a. Waiting for votes on speakers, will start contacting speakers in order they were selected
 - b. Allen made logo for BGRS
 - c. Sean making website with abstracts and logos, hopefully finished by end of month
- 8. Discussion
 - a.