

April SOBGS Executive Representatives Meeting – April 8th, 2013

In attendance:

Mat Vankougnett (chair)
Brian Sutton-Quaid (principal SOGS representative)
Timothy Hain (SOGS representative)
Catherine Dieleman (SOGS representative)
Matthew Turnbull (SOGS representative)
Alana Demko (seminar committee)
John O'Leary (seminar committee)
Julia Matheson (seminar committee)
Ian Willick (undergraduate education committee)
Eric Diehl (undergraduate education committee)
Aimee Lee Houde (outreach committee)
Jenna Siu (social committee)
Joy Wang (social committee)
Ross Breckels (outreach committee)
Christina Castellani (research committee)

2:35 meeting called to order

2:35 I. Willick presents letter to BUEC regarding changes to Biology 2290 undergraduate course

2:37 Discussion of the letter

2:40 M. Vankougnett moves to send the letter to Dr. Maxwell, with Dr. Macdougall-Shackleton and Dr. Bernards cc'd; passed with unanimous consent

2:41 B. Sutton-Quaid presents SOBGS Constitution & Bylaws revisions

2:42 M. Vankougnett moves to forward Constitution to AGM; passed with unanimous consent

2:43 R. Breckels and A. Houde present SOBGS website update

- Pictures, FAQ, Minutes, recent publications sections; timeline

2:51 M. Vankougnett describes need for AGM, proposes April 30th

- Discussion of survey to ascertain time, agenda, committee reports, OE3C presentation
- Survey will be sent to general membership to choose time between April 22nd-26th for AGM

2:59 M. Vankougnett notes BGRF moving to new leadership

- In response to question, M. Vankougnett explains SOBGS role in BGRF: usually donate ~\$100 and give organizational input

3:01 M. Vankougnett presents results of SOBGS general membership funding survey

- Will be presented to general membership at AGM

3:10 B. Sutton-Quaid presents SOGS report

- New president, Queen's degree timing limitation update

3:14 I. Willick presents undergraduate education committee report

- Wrote a letter, presented earlier

3:15 M. Vankougnett presents graduate education committee report on their behalf

- Working on Lumsden award and OGS

- Students who do not have an annual committee meeting still eligible for internal awards
- 3:18 J. O'Leary enters and presents seminar committee report
- Proposal of staggered election dates to allow knowledge transfer between seminar committee members; exit reports also advisable
 - Will coordinate with Constitution and Bylaws subcommittee to integrate into roles
- 3:35 General complaints of quality of Graduate Club pizza
- 3:38 M. Vankoughnett delivers GTA meeting report on behalf of C. Austin (principal GTA representative)
- Election coming up for GTA positions, encouragement to apply for bursaries + food bank
- 3:40 A. Houde presents outreach committee report
- Pamphlets for OE3C, possible booth during poster sessions
- 3:41 J. Siu presents social committee report
- Successful Bioball, barbecue coming during the summer, enough representatives currently
- 3:43 C. Castellani presents research committee report
- No research committee meeting this academic year, though contact was made with research committee faculty membership in September and March
 - M. Vankoughnett will talk to M. Bernards re: activities of the research committee
 - Discussion of keeping student awards list up to date
- 3:47 M. Vankoughnett presents chair report
- Concern re: Queen's degree time limit situation
- 3:49 Meeting adjourned