

**SOBGS Elected Representative Meeting Agenda**

November 28, 2022

Zoom, 11:30AM

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**Present:** Eileen Barac, Amalie Hutchinson, Jordan VanderBurgt, Andrew Beauchamp, Gabriella Sidhu, Katarina Kukolj, Libbi Anparasan, Stefan Grahovac, Carly Charron, Rada Tazhitdinoa, Will Yeung, Matheus Lima, Lorena Yeung, Josh Bulfango, Erin Brownscombe, Justin To, Henrique Cesar

**Regrets:** Abbie Bechard, Kiana Lee, Jordan Maglov

**Absent:** Andrew Cook, Sam Hopkins, Brynne Duffy, Kathryn Lamoureux

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1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Chair
  - a) Faculty meetings: November meeting was cancelled, no updates.
4. SOGS Committee
  - a) Sustainability chair elected from Biology. Raised a motion for SOGS support against Bill 23, SOGS voted in favour of not supporting the bill.
5. Treasurer
6. PSAC Rep
7. Grad Ed Committee
  - a) SGPS advising that they don't want applications to be anonymous anymore because research supports that, due to hidden biases. Voted informally against it.
  - b) Hoping to increase grad student stipends due to cost of living but can only do that with faculty help, so starting to get support for that.
  - c) Raised issue that NSERC and OGS recipients get paid more but don't get a summer stipend, without the stipend they actually don't get paid much more.
8. Seminar Committee
  - a) Better attendance lately for pizza lunches.
  - b) Last seminar for fall term is this week, seminars resume on Jan 13 2023.
9. Undergrad Ed Committee
10. Research Committee

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- a) Merging the research bulletin with the alumni bulletin.
- b) Department webpage updating.
- c) Issues with electrical safety and cleaning (mold in third floor cold room) have now been resolved.

### 11. Outreach Committee

### 12. Social Committee

- a) Helping with holiday market and looking for volunteer bakers still.
- b) Most efforts going towards having bioball.
- c) Some students have concerns about bioball because in pre-pandemic years.

### 13. Sustainability Committee

- a) Green bin and snack wrapper programs are going well.
- b) Mask recycling program starting soon.
- c) Rally next week against Bill 23.

### 14. AAFC Rep

### 15. EDI Rep

### 16. Other Business

- a) Informal, optional meeting in December at the grad club instead of a formal meeting.
- b) Planning to have an SOBGS logo contest for artists in the department. Prize will be a Grad Club gift card.