

SOBGS Elected Representative Meeting Agenda

February 21st 2023

Zoom, 1:30PM

Present: Eileen Barac, Gabriella Sidhu, Samantha Hopkins, Carly Charron, Rada Tazhitdinova, Libesha Anparasan, Justin To, Kristina Laus, Amalie Hutchinson, Matheus Lima, Andrew Beauchamp, Kiana Lee, Lorena Yeung, Josh Bulfango

Regrets: Jordan VanderBurgt, Abbie Bechard, Kathryn Lamoureux, Andrew Cook

Absent: Will Yeung, Jordan Maglov, Henrique Cesar, Erin Brownscombe, Katarina Kukolj, Brynne Duffy

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Chair
 - a) Issues from safety inspections are similar to every year: weekly eyewash testing, old WHMIS labels, electrical safety issues. Someone from Health & Safety will be coming soon to update the chemical inventory list.
 - b) We have a candidate for BGRF chairperson who I am going to meet with later this week.
4. SOGS Committee
5. Treasurer
6. PSAC Rep
 - a) Bylaws committee is doing their annual evaluations of bylaws, any potential changes will be brought to the Annual General Meeting in May/June.
 - b) Bargaining is starting for the Fall so it is important to make sure emails aren't being sent to the Junk folder of graduate students.
7. Grad Ed Committee
 - a) Potential for the international graduate student stipend to be increased, but then supervisors would have to pay more as well.
 - b) Applicants have been answering voluntary questions regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. as part of a longitudinal study over time for the department to see what types of students are being admitted.
8. Seminar Committee
 - a) Seminars are still going well.

9. Undergrad Ed Committee

- a) Regulations on ChatGPT will be addressed in future course syllabi.

10. Research Committee

- a) Grad students are currently writing pieces about new faculty members in the department for the Alumni Bulletin, since the Biology Digest no longer exists.

11. Outreach Committee

- a) Spring open house is on Saturday March 25th.

12. Social Committee

- a) Trivia night will be mid-March at the Grad Club.
- b) Bio Ball looking to be early Spring or Summer.

13. Sustainability Committee

- a) New snack wrapper recycling box is on the way since the old one is breaking.
- b) Razor and oral hygiene boxes are being set up.
- c) Green bin program is going well, as well as the mask recycling box.

14. AAFC Rep

15. EDI Rep

16. Other Business