

**SOBGS Elected Representative Meeting Agenda**

June 27, 2023

Zoom, 10:30am

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**Present:** Eileen Barac, Sophie Killam, Jordan VanderBurgt, Kathryn Lamoureux, Carly Charron, Jorden Maglov, Gabriella Sidhu, Will Yeung, Andrew Beauchamp, Sam Hopkins, Matheus Lima, Katarina Kukulj, Lorena Yeung, Jessica Sinka, Justin To, Tommy Galfano, Le Anh Minh Nguyen

**Regrets:** Amalie Hutchinson, Rada Tazhitdinova, Kristina Laus, Josh Bulfango, Erin Brownscombe, Liz Copley

**Absent:** Abbie Bechard, Libesha Anparasan, Kiana Lee

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1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Chair
  - a) No department meetings in June, July, and August
  - b) Currently working on addressing the issues that the Biotron renovations are going to cause, specifically to plant chamber users
  - c) Trying to start a biology-wide Slack channel for things like free food in the lunchroom, job postings, borrowing reagents, and more
4. SOGS Committee
  - a) At the last meeting, renovations to the Grad Club costing \$100,000 were approved. Will include things like repainting, new chairs, updating furniture, etc.
5. Treasurer
6. PSAC Rep
7. Grad Ed Committee
  - a) Gauging student interest in whether or not we want the option to have our streams on our degrees
8. Seminar Committee
  - a) Nominated lots of speakers for upcoming speakers, including the two Uchida lectures. Invitations are being sent out soon
  - b) Grad students on seminar committee also nominated two speakers, one in the Fall and one in Winter. In the future, a form should be sent out to all graduate students to nominate speakers instead

9. Undergrad Ed Committee

10. Research Committee

- a) There is a new bioconvergence centre opening up which will combine health sci, med sci, life sci, eng, etc. Currently trying to figure out who will run the building
- b) Still working on the Alumni Bulletin Fall issue, the Spring issue is now done

11. Outreach Committee

12. Social Committee

- a) Currently setting up a date for the summer social evening at the Grad Club, towards the end of July
- b) Having another trivia night in July
- c) Hashing out details for a potential day trip still

13. Sustainability Committee

14. AAFC Rep

15. EDI Rep

- a) The bake sale was very successful, raised about ~\$400, and now the emergency basket has been extended to the men's washroom on the second floor of BGS

16. BGRF

- a) Working closely with Paula on the finances
- b) The date that was chosen overlaps with some conferences so the committee is going to vote on keeping the date, or moving the date
- c) Keynote speaker is Dr. Emily Choy at McMaster university
- d) Current goals are getting rooms booked and catering

17. Other Business