

MINUTES  
MCGSS council meeting  
Time: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 @ 12pm  
Location: Faculty Lounge

**Attendance: Exec;** Melissa (Environment Commissioner), Peter (President), Reshmi (MCSS Rep), Ahmed (Treasurer), Nic (VP), Ivy (PRO)  
**Council;** Yasmin (Animal Science), Andrew (Plant Science), Maeghan & Georgia (Parasitology), Amanda (Food Science), Devon (NRS)

**Absent;** Divya, Derek

**Approval of Agenda; unanimous**

**Approval of Minutes from Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014; unanimous**

**Reports: Budget!;** -found to be lacking in specifics for this year, largely seems to be copy-paste of last year  
-for instance; we're not getting polo shirts as gifts  
-we're not getting the Brown Fund  
-there was discussion on having a line item for the Grad Workroom/Lunchroom thingy;  
-starting with removing all the old stuff from it  
-**Peter** will ask NRS to remove old computers  
-can we get an espresso machine? Or more chairs and tables?  
-agreed to include a line item Grad Room Improvements, with a 500\$ budget  
-**Ahmed;** update budget so we can see expected expenses  
-update budget so it reflects this year  
-include line item for Grad Room Improvements  
-include line item for 600\$ from Dean for Orientation  
-include line item for expenses for Peer Helper Group  
-include line item for expenses for Corn Roaster

Animal Science: 4 o'clock forum suggestions, move to the bar, include undergrads and fun profs

PRO: Elections; Nelly agreed to function as CRO  
-1 faculty rep nomination  
-get nomination forms from Ivy

Food Sci; held a good symposium

VP: -see attached report  
-**Andrew**, will forward shuttle bus survey to **Peter** for general circulation

NRS: used funds to improve infrastructure of their room

Pres: PGSS presidents meetings with Ahemd for funds, update at next meeting  
-we got 600\$ from Dean for Orientation

### **Old Business:**

1. Peer Helper Group: we discussed again, and voted on funding
  - 8/18 applications for Peer Helpers were grads- good showing
  - Grads over use psych resources
  - Peter recommends using current co-ordinators (Peter's brother, for transparency), for consistency
  - Peter** will ask Jocinth why downtown group refused to come to Mac, when we're paying into that group
  - corrected amount of 1812.33\$ for MCGSS portion of training and co-ordinators for this semester; **passed**
2. Sustainable BBQ costs: Peter reported on getting his 200\$ back from MCSS
3. Frosh Week:
  - drink tickets, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> (~400\$); tomorrow at 4:30pm, decided unanimously 1 drink per student and the remaining tickets will be used at other events
  - café crawl, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> (~200\$); ~30 students attended
    - more reminders might have been needed
  - Orientation, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>; food went well, talks not so much
    - attendance?
  - 1<sup>st</sup> bagel bfast, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>; more reminders, or at least better timed reminders needed
4. Elections: were Rebecca &/or **Nelly** asked to be our CRO?
  - Nelly agreed to be our CRO
  - still looking for a Secretary & a Faculty Rep
  - Jake Zeigler has expressed interest in Faculty Rep
5. Travel Grants: **Peter** was to send out the five names and did not
  - Peter**, send out the five names please!
6. Council Meetings, 2014-2015
  - Doodle Poll Results; now found in google drive
  - <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B306ZxUI-PMwWm1Qb3dhQjE5MGc&usp=sharing>
  - Website needs to be updated **Rebecca**
7. Corn roast equipment: purchased for ~100\$
8. Lock room R3-014: how was this resolved?
  - at our previous meeting, **Ivy** was tasked to contact Jocinth and inquire how we get things done without being billed 700\$ to fix a doorknob
  - instead, **Peter** called facilities and they fixed it, but we have not (yet) been billed

-**Peter** to ask NRS if they got billed

### **New Business:**

1. Committee List: **Nic** will advertise remaining committees with seats
2. Winter Orientation: OGS will organise, as they can reach more students  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm, CC ballroom  
-**Peter**, email OGS via a vis the first year office
3. Mental Health Exec Training: 1 day training, 36\$/person payable by PGSS  
-let Peter know if interested

### **Miscellaneous Announcements and Discussions**

1. Andrew: Were events this month better communicated than previous months?  
-Nic, day-before reminders always useful  
-Peter reminded reps about mailboxes
2. Andrew: Can we organise people to set-up/clean-up our activities in advance?  
-**Peter** to send out the list of up-coming activities for us to sign up

-We discussion having a movie night in the big auditorium

-We discuss getting more games and that further discussion was needed

-Club funding to be discussed next meeting

### **Motion to Adjourn, Peter, Nic**

### **Reminder to eat the pizza during the meeting!**

Next Exec Meeting Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at noon in the conference room

Next Council Meeting, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, at 4:30pm in the conference room

Next PGSS Meeting, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 6:30pm in the Thompson House Ballroom