

Executive Council Meeting – February 25, 2016 – Minutes

1.0 Call to Order; roll call

Attendance: Mai, Tyler, Ben, Kaian, Alex, Simon, Shawn, Taru, Charles

Regrets: Josh, Derek

Guest: Vi (Invited by President)

2.0 Agenda was accepted (5:47 pm)

3.0 Bylaw Review

3.1 Review of bylaw section (8.1.5, 8.1.6)

3.2 8.1.5 covers the new position of the communications officer – the first line will be removed, and responsibilities will be changed to include advertising events

3.3 Announcement of election for vacant executive positions

3.4 Election during next meeting – no current nominations.

4.0 Project updates, reviews and discussion

4.1 TA Survey

4.1.1 A meeting is scheduled with the Dean of science and the dean of graduate studies for Monday February 29th where our draft will be finalized

4.1.2 We aim to have the survey implemented by April

4.1.3 Simon will be assuming control of the survey

4.2 SPICES funded event

4.2.1 We have reached the interview stage for the grant

4.2.2 The proposal submitted is to create a web portal for “course sharing” amongst the departments in the faculty of science

4.2.3 We need each departmental rep to approach at least one professor in their department about opening courses to audit

4.2.4 We wish to focus on those courses that have a wide appeal to all science students

4.3 Alumni Social

4.3.1 Event being held on Monday February 29th

4.3.2 Approximately 15 people registered so far

4.3.3 Donation of \$150.00 from the faculty of science for Monday

4.3.4 Donation of \$500.00 From CUPE's political action committee for future Alumni Socials.

4.4 LaTeX Workshop [Tyler]

4.4.1 Being held on March 15th and 16th from 4:30 – 6:00 pm each day

4.4.2 Waiting on room booking confirmation

- 4.4.3 Charge a small fee (\$5.00) per person
- 4.4.4 Focus on using latex for your thesis
- 4.4.5 Funding of \$100.00 from the Faculty of Science.

5.0 Future Events

5.1 Talent Show (Taru, Kaian, Tyler)

5.1.1 Have a coffee house type event, possibly at bridges to showcase the talents that science graduate students have outside of science.

5.1.2 Aim for the end of April

5.2 Whiteboard talk

5.2.1 Our current and Past projects, along with some of the methods of operation were listed on the board, with each departmental rep asked to rate on a continuous line how well they think we did and how important they thought the events were

5.2.2 Result was largely positive, a large amount of support for each event

5.2.3 The use of Slack as an organizational tool was a divisive topic with about half of those in attendance not satisfied with it.

6.0 Financial update

6.1 Funding incoming from CUPE's Political Action committee - \$500.00

6.2 Funding incoming from the Faculty of Science - \$250.00

6.3 Current Balance \$68.75

7.0 Next meeting

7.1 TBA

8.0 Adjournment (6:37)