

## **Executive Council Meeting – January 21, 2016 – Minutes**

### *1.0 Call to Order; roll call*

Regrets: Charles Burke, Alex Nielsen

### *2.0 Agenda was accepted (5:33 pm)*

### *3.0 Acceptance of meeting minutes from November 30<sup>th</sup>*

### *4.0 Project updates, reviews and discussion*

#### 4.1 TA Survey [Isabel, Michael]

- 4.1.1 Review of pilot, still on-going for timing
- 4.1.2 Math; still pursuing options

#### 4.2 Alumni Network Event [Charles, Tyler, Mai]

- 4.2.1 Review of previous
- 4.2.2 Math; still pursuing options (some communication issues with potential alumnus, Brandon Aubie)
- 4.2.3 Coding based project, entrepreneurial approach, small Q/A

#### 4.3 LaTeX Workshop [Tyler]

- 4.3.1 Volunteer is prepared to teach
- 4.3.2 Open to Grad students in Science and potentially Eng
- 4.3.3 Date TBA; \$5 per head?

#### 4.4 SPICES funded event – collaboration with EGS [Mai]

- 4.4.1 May 1, next year as a possible TBA
- 4.4.2 Brainstorm possible ideas
  - 4.4.2.1 Possible outreach, community workshops
    - 4.4.2.1.1 i.e., Sidewalk Astronomy, Cerebral Coffee House
- 4.4.3 Seems like some funding is available – Executive will individual pursue leads on projects/previously successful applications
- 4.4.4 App ideas (see 4.6)
  - 4.4.4.1 Something for Grad students (Wellness, links to Stats courses etc.)
  - 4.4.4.2 Repository for stats info, future workshops, auditing courses etc.

#### 4.5 Invitation to Community-engaged project – weather station for children [Mai]

- 4.5.1 Grade 4 and 5 students
- 4.5.2 Sci/Tech field collaboration – ongoing. If interested, contact Mai.

#### 4.6 Course info sharing [Mai]

- 4.6.1 Courses; Stats options for various faculties
- 4.6.2 Link on the website to contact people

## 5.0 *Website updates*

5.1 Website updates on-going [Kay, Ben]

5.1.1 MSU administration communicating to UTS on our behalf, waiting on McMaster address to assist with dissemination of emails (if all else fails; MailChimp?)

5.2 Current website currently slow, is it in the budget to expand the site/help with continuity

5.3 Front page to be re-worked as collage of SAM members and Executive staff

5.3.1 Background can be 'old timey' science gear from BSB and ABS?

5.3.2 Placeholders and updated bio required

5.4 Need new Scientist of the Month – needs to be updated more often

## 6.0 *GSA Council updates (FRCs)*

6.1 [Taru] Dec 16<sup>th</sup> meeting revolved around getting the vote out for the ancillary fee increase

6.2 Discussion of Compulsory ancillary fee increase [Mai, Angie]

6.2.1 Discussed the options

6.2.2 Discussed utilization of proxy vote

## 7.0 *Financial update*

7.1 Still waiting on money for Alumni Assoc. event (\$200)

7.2 Current balance: \$68

## 8.0 *Discussion on bylaw section change – Election [Mai]*

8.1 Time did not allow for this discussion

## 9.0 *New business*

9.1 Jan 12; Phx Coffee and cookies mixer held by GSA

9.2 Jan 14; Int'l GSA fair

## 10.0 *Adjournment (6:45)*