

## **Executive Council Meeting – September 28, 2015 – Minutes**

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

- 1.1 Received regrets from Natalie, Irina, Simon and Kay.
- 1.2 Attendees were: Tyler, Isabel, Taru, Mai, Shawn, Michael, Charles, Derek and Josh

### *2.0 Agenda was accepted (4:37 pm)*

### *3.0 Introduction*

- 3.1 Introduction of members in attendance
- 3.2 Discussed structure of department representatives and elected council; discussed quorum (40%)
- 3.3 Brief introduction to Slack

### *4.0 Review of Lab Coat social*

- 4.1 Generally well received, suggestions included but not limited to
  - 4.1.1 Network event suggestions with previous science alumni
  - 4.1.2 Talent show at Bridges
  - 4.1.3 Improvement of dissemination of posters etc. for events

### *5.0 Future events and projects*

- 5.1 Website; need new scientists of month for October, and add archived 'S of M' for future
- 5.2 Network with alumni
  - 5.2.1 Location in question; Phoenix may be too expensive, CIBC may be more reasonable if we partition space
  - 5.2.2 Panelist style; one alum from industry, academia, etc.; Q+A style at Faculty Club
  - 5.2.3 Richer experience if it's done with related department members, not necessarily faculty wide, might split into smaller groups (i.e., Bio panel, Chem panel, Math panel etc.)
  - 5.2.4 Timeline – aiming for late October, or November
  - 5.2.5 Subcommittee members: Charles, Taru, and Shawn
- 5.3 TA Training Survey
  - 5.3.1 Survey to all students, i.e. 'rate my class' (Starbucks gift card as prize?)
  - 5.3.2 Issues with GSA and CUPE, we can now communicate issues with the administration while remaining at arm's length
  - 5.3.3 Suggestion of meeting with MSSA (undergrad science) to establish a baseline (i.e., difficulty, volume, "why" they are hard courses etc.)
  - 5.3.4 Bridge to them (CUPE) for TA screening, how many TA's, what the maximum student limit etc.
  - 5.3.5 Subcommittee members: Michael and Isabel

5.4 EGS collaboration with SAM

5.4.1 McMaster Nuit blanche, art exhibition

5.4.2 Potential funding source in SPICES (Jan-Feb application date)

5.4.3 Discuss with the MSU regarding potential resources.

5.5 Facebook and Twitter

5.5.1 Taru to continue with Facebook; Josh to take over from Charles on Twitter

6.0 *Financial update*

6.1 Checks going to clear from event (i.e., Mai and Tyler reimbursement)

6.2 Discussed McMaster Student Credit Union or CIBC account

6.3 Some money toward budget; ~\$1000

6.4 Starbucks prizes for survey offered up by the Dean's Office

7.0 *New business*

7.1 Need department reps from the Physics department

8.0 *Next meeting*

8.1 TBA

9.0 *Adjournment (5:41 pm)*