

**Psychology Graduate Student Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 2020**

**Opening:** 10 am, zoom, opened by Liz Williams

**Present:** Liz, Chrissy, Tom, Tiko, Alex, Breanna

**Focus of Meeting:** PGSC DOCUMENT OVERVIEW

PGSC EMAIL

- Who is responsible for checking PGSC email?
  - Currently it is co-presidents
- When should PGSC email be used?
  - Not necessary to use for internal communications but important to use formal email for public communications (i.e., contacting persons and organizations outside of PGSC)

DOCUMENT WORDING

- Wording of the mission statement not to be changed at this time because it was approved by vote in previous meeting.

LISTSERV

- Incoming students have not been added to the listserv
- Karen will update Bre with registered students every year so that it is updated with current students – beginning of August update

ELECTION

- Elections officer will be Tiko
- Any existing registered students can vote
- Planned for end of June
  - Week to submit nominations and week to vote
- Election procedure and protocol sections
  - How to ensure representation by both masters and phd students?
    - § Tiko/Alex: No way to really ensure representation
    - § Tom: We can use inclusive language in our election ads
  - Discourage first year students from taking on these roles?
    - § Maybe can get rid of this discouragement because the election is in April now so Master's students will be at least a year into their program by election time.
- **TIKO to look into options for online election (surveymonkey, Qualtrics, webvote)**
  - Conversation around password protecting the vote?

Can students run for as many positions as they wish? Discussion around whether this should be allowed.

- Issue around running for multiple positions. Some positions should be restricted from being held concurrently.
- Dep rep and secretary/treasurer makes sense to hold at same time
- Not make sense to do co-president and events coordinator at the same time
- President and treasurer should not be same person
- Considerations for balance in voting, each position gets a vote so one person would end up with two votes OR one individual only gets one vote regardless of roles
  - Should always be a minimum number of votes
- Be clear about which positions can and cannot be held together
- One position in section 1 and one position in section 2
- Only allowed to hold multiple positions if there is not anyone else to fill it

If someone is nominating themselves. Do we want a yes/no vote?

- Mixed response. Some agree yes there should be a vote, if we want to be called an 'elected council'
- Some disagree because of the culture at UVIC and possibility that students will be turned off by this vote.
- If vote, what would we do in a situation where people vote the self-nominated person down?
- What format should election and self-nominations take? Should an opportunity for challenge be allowed?

## WHO ARE WE ELECTING IN JUNE

Discussion around whether GEC rep should be kept

- This role takes pressure off of president(s)
- This person attends both GEC and PGSC meetings
- Push for GEC to attend departmental meetings as well
- Student is not regularly invited to GEC meetings only by invite
  - Consider asking for more regular involvement in their meetings
- GEC sets up buddy system pushing for more representation would be good
- GEC would be beneficial when there is high workload, but if we maintain two presidents hopefully enough distributed workload
- Important for attending those GEC meetings, not as necessary for being the main feedback point person
- \*\*\*\*Meets regularly to plan and maintain\*\*\* from the website definition – asking to be more regularly included in these

CPA rep

- when elected they would contact rep and their term would be two years

GSS rep

- there might be some overlap between ingoing and outgoing over the summer.  
Sometimes there are meetings during the summer

Sounds as though there will be 11 positions for nominations.