

PGSC Meeting

August 10, 2021

11:30-12:30

Zoom

Attendees

Breanna McCreary (Co-Pres.; CUPE Steward)
Lauren Qualls (Co-Pres.)
Alejandra Contreras (Sec./Treas.)
Erin Light (Events & Engagement)
Erin Lowey (Events & Engagement)
Chrissy Robillard (Clinical Rep.)
Brooke Lagore (Lifespan Rep.)
Julie Prud'homme (GEC Rep.)
Elysia Desgrosseilliers (Ombuddy/ CaBS, SP, INDV Rep.)
Maddie Gregory (CPA Rep.)
Tom Ferguson (GSS Rep.)

Absent

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Call to Order:

Called by Breanna at 1:33 pm

Approval of Minutes May 20, 2021:

Motion to approve minutes by consensus by Breana (Co-president) and seconded by Elyssia (Ombuddy/CaBS, SP, INDV Rep)

Member Updates

Treasurer

- Agenda post will be now on posted 2 weeks +1 day in advance and will close 1 week +1 day before. This will give the secretary a 1-day time to finish the agenda and send it out.

Social Events and Student Engagement Coordinators

- Student buddies' emails have been sent out. All students who enrolled as big buddies have received an email to connect with the new students
- There will be a graduate student meeting during the weekend. All students are invited
- TAC has not been chosen yet; social event coordinators need to coordinate the welcome activities with TAC.
- Orientation events are being coordinated right now
- Current plan is to have a "meet and greet" and a campus tour

Clinical Representative

- We are still waiting for the department to send out a call for nominations for the SCCT student representatives for 2021-2022. Once we know who the reps will be, we may want to invite them to a PGSC meeting so that we can coordinate our positions.

CaBS, SP, INDV Representative

- Ellie has accepted the roll of the CaBS, SP and IND rep.

Lifespan Representative

- No update

GEC Representative

- Will email new Grad advisor to establish meetings
- During the fall we will look on how to work in more collaboration with the other groups
- Brainstorm about the collaborative project with other groups like the EDI committee, reconciliation committee.

Ombudsperson/Liaison

- No updates

GSS Representative

- No updates
- GSS Meetings will start during the fall

CUPE 4163 Representative

- No updates

TAC

- Role has not been appointed yet

CPA Representative

- Graduate affair rep of the CPA
- (Potential opportunity for collaboration with the CPA advocates for better Canadian student funding)

Co-Presidents

- Waiting for feedback for the community report
- Student who want to send new photos for the website are invited to do so
- We cannot administer our own teams, channels. UVic policy prevents students to manage the channels

Minutes

Agenda Item	Propose meeting times	Presenter:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not all students have access to their final fall schedules yet; therefore, the specific date and time will not be selected right now. • The first PGSC fall meeting will be during the week of September 13 	

Discussion

We want to meet before the first departmental meeting.

Clinical has COMS the 16 of September, this will be considered for the first meeting date. During the first meeting in the Fall the propose order of business is: Welcome students and address budget.

Date will be determined after all students get their fall schedules

The co-presidents will send out a doodle poll to establish the final time and date

Agenda Item	Continuation of working groups	Presenter:	Lauren & Bre
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Review:

Last meeting we established a few working points

- a) Funding
- b) Extending collaboration with the EDI
- c)TA and sessional issues
- d) Working on curricula concerns

Discussion

Proposal to create a SMART goal for curricula: create a survey to ask all graduate students about stat satisfaction

The PGSC is interested in gathering more information about students' satisfactions/ dissatisfactions with stat related courses

What is feasible for the PGSC?

- Establish a committee/working group to work on the community report
- The GEC and GSS will use the community reports to make inform decisions in their larger meetings.
- Community repost will be a less intensive overtaking given the depth of the first community report.
- Use the things/systems that we already have ho build upon new elements (e.g., mental health can be added to the community report)

- Support students in their return-to-work /campus, the PGSC is her to hear students and help
- Systemic issues (e.g., Not going back to campus. Advocate to make videos-seminars available for students going forward.)

HR and the university are revising policies: coming soon surveys looking for students' info in regards to work-place harassment.

- PGSC can help explaining why certain topics might be important to psych students

Agenda Item	Collaborative work	Presenter:	Lauren & Bre
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Collaborative work with other groups from the psychology department

Discussion

EDI department committee Dr Costigan will take charge over the mandate
Coordinate and integrate the EDI, the PGSC and other small working groups to work together towards common goals that promote diversity and inclusion.
Lots of small groups are working on similar things but are not integrated.
Right now, the EDI department committee Chair is also the chair of the social justice group for clinical PSYC.
Potential policy work between EDI and PGSC
Support and advocate with the EDI in policy changes
Support students with return to campus and all their implications
In the events planning ensure they are inclusive (do mix of f2f and video)

Notes and Recognitions

Reminder to all PGSC committee members to reply with an emoji once they read the agenda posting

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Alejandra at 12:29pm

Alejandra Contreras

Secretary & Treasurer *(or proxy note-taker)*

Action Item(s)	Member Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Send out doodle polls to establish new meeting times	Breanna	September 1, 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Send photos for the website	PGSC	