

Carleton Science Student Society Meeting Minutes

November 23rd 2014 - Tory 236

Call to order: 4:13 PM

1) Approval of the Agenda

1. Maddie moves changing location of meeting to 236 Tory
 - i. Seconded by Ali
 - ii. Motion passes

2) Executive Reports

1. VP Internal - Ali Acar
 - i. Thank you all for attending today's meeting. The attendance today is great. There have been a few councillors who have been missing the meetings and it is very important for councillors to attempt to find a proxy or let me know if they predict an absence. The scavenger that was being planned was not able to be executed due to the fact that the CU Amazing Race fell on the same day. More events will be planned for the second semester and councillors will be kept updated.
2. VP Operations - Martin Gingras
 - i. The Science Society has received their funding from CUSA. There have been some issues with cheques bouncing that have now been sorted out.
3. VP Programming - Madison Adams
 - i. Winter formal planning process has begun. The date of the formal will be January 16th 2014. The pub night, which raised \$150.00 was a great success.
4. VP Academic - Anna Marrello
 - i. There was a faculty meeting last Thursday which discussed the fall reading break. The faculty is pleased to have students attending these meetings, and encourage for the councillors to attend as the faculty is excited to have student input. Science Cafe's which have been taken over by the directors are a success.
5. President - John Mesman
 - i. There was a meeting with all the science societies on campus along with members from the office of the dean of science. The societies usually do not collaborate together so it was great chance to hear from each of the science societies on campus. The Dean's office has allocated 5 spaces for most of the societies. Dean's office is checking up on the societies who have office space and how the space is being used and also finding out what the societies are doing and how they are contributing to the faculty of science. There are usually positive outcomes to these meetings and no negatives, just to prove that these space allocations are a good idea. Some clubs are apprehensive about registering despite the fact that funding is available. The Science Society has received

the funding and there are many ways to secure funds for various different clubs and societies. In terms of reading week, the report is currently being worked on.

i. **Committee Reports**

a) Maddie: We've had a meeting with the formal committee however a few people were not able to make it. The science formal will be held on January 16th 2014 at the Chateau Laurier. There will be dinner tickets (\$50) and dance tickets (\$20) available just like last year. 50/50 tickets will also be sold at the event. This year we would like to market the event a little more and add a theme to it like McMaster did. The committee is open to ideas. We would like to make a promotional video. We need people to sign up to sell tickets as we will be selling tickets from December 1st to December 5th before exams and there will be a huge push to sell tickets the first 2 weeks after the Christmas break as well. We would like councillors to commit at least 2 hours to selling tickets to help out. Tickets will be sold in the atrium from 10am to 4pm and we will need all the help we can get. Tickets will also be sold in the Science Society office. Finally a few volunteers will be out in the atrium to promote the formal on Nov. 28.

i. John: We've always sold out of tickets but we don't sell out until the end. Most of the money for formal will be generated through fundraising opportunities in the upcoming months.

ii. Maddie: We will be also having another meeting before the formal and anyone is welcome to attend. Also anyone with sponsorship connections please let me know.

ii. **Question Period**

a) Nick: A big stress seen within the department of neuroscience is that many first years are struggling with the courseload and some specific courses Peer Supported services should be pushed. There is no longer a tutor referral service available. Attending PASS sessions is highly recommended.

i. Saumya: PASS is there and has office hours for basic first year chemistry and organic chemistry. There might be a new PASS service coming up for NEUR 2200 for all students taking this neuroscience course. There will be a petition going on to bring the PASS sessions for NEUR 2200

ii. John: I'm also the PASS facil for first year bio and chem. Many students attend my classes. I will share the contact information of the PASS facilitators for those of you who are interested. We are going to co sponsor and help out with the petition to bring the PASS session for NEUR 2200.

b) Question from Alizee: Will we be responsible for the announcements made for the petition?

i. John: No, that will be taken care of by PASS, but we will be making in class announcements for the formal.

c) Question from Kamil: How much did we get from the 50/50 tickets last year? Did we announce the winner before or after formal?

- i. John: Almost \$200.00 and we announced the winner on facebook after the formal
- ii. Kamil: Better idea to be announced during the formal.

iii. **Motions**

- a) Ali Acar moves to suspend rules on distributing ballots on acclaimed seats
 - 1. Seconded by Anna
 - 2. Motion passes
- b) Acclaim all seats that are vacant (Comp Sci., Math, Physics, and Integrated Science)
 - i. Motion passes unanimously
 - ii.
 - Pramodh Yapa elected for Physics
 - Henry Hammond elected for Math
 - Stephanie Thoumy elected for Computer Science
 - Chelsea Black elected for Integrated Science (1 Abstention)
 - Hayley Arts elected for Biology

iv. **Adjournment**

- a) Moved by Ali
- b) Seconded by Henry
- c) Passes unanimously
- d) Adjourned 4:58 PM