Science Council Meeting
The Alumni Board Room, 608 Robertson Hall
November 5th, 2015 at 19h00

Meeting called to order at 7:15   Chair: Garrett

1) **Announcements and Correspondence**
   Alex: Math and Stats colloquim on November 6th
   Sam: working to fight the rule of no tutors for a society (CCSS)

2) **Approval of the Agenda**
   Moved: Waqar   Seconded: Abe

3) **Approval of Past Minutes**
   Moved: Darien   Seconded: Skyler

4) **President Report**
   It has been a busy couple of weeks with the society. I have been working with the other executives to organize some of the events that we have coming up. In particular, I have been working on obtaining funding from different organizations on campus so that we can have money to put towards Science Formal in January. Other responsibilities include monitoring the activities of other executives and coordinating times for meetings with the Office of the Dean of Science.

5) **Vice President Reports**
   a) Vice President Internal

   - Fixing errors in volunteer and councillor database
   - OSSA reforming the constitution committee
   - Filling the vacant council seats
   - Health science journal
   - Room bookings
   - Kaplan discount codes have come in: courses, etc, councillors get 25% off everyone else gets 10% off
   - Rima's email about the newsletter for events and news

   b) Vice President Operations

   - Survey: not all departments got the survey email from their department advisors. Working on the referendum for the 3rd week of November
   - Clubs and societies funding from CUSA was received.

   c) Vice President Programming

- Charity LAN - Tickets are being sold from the CSSS office, event will be held November 21-22 from noon-noon. Tournaments are board games, Magic the Gathering, and video games. Looking for directors to run the event and help with registration.
- Pub night - date will be Friday, November 20th. Tickets are $5 and it is held at Pub 101 in the Byward Market. Ticket sales will be going towards funding the Winter Science Formal
- Formal: Hopefully will be January 15th 2016, at the Shaw Centre. Pre sales will hopefully begin within the next two weeks. Will be sending out a google doc for ticket sale sign up.

d) Vice President Academic

We have continued to provide refreshments for the bi-weekly science cafes run by the ODS. Attendance has been great and all talks have been well received. We also had our first CASG council meeting, and the next one will be taking place on November 24th. Finally, I have begun to plan Research Night which will be happening on March 8th. RRRA is partnering with us and paying for the entire event. If you have a prof from your department that you would like to come speak, please let me know.

6) **Committee Reports**
None

7) **Other Reports**
None

8) **Question Period**

Aiden: What is the tutor platform?

Sam: CCSS had intended to provide an electronic platform for tutors and people who wanted tutors. A proposal was made to the school of comp sci who were for it, the faculty of science said they would shut it down if they did it because it was introduce liability to Carleton if it existed. Working with School of Computer Science to fix this but it is going too slow. Now looking to get CCSS to strike the liability of Carleton and we are looking for other societies to join us.

Garrett: After you were told that you would be shut down did you talk to your school?

Sam: It was passed down from administration.

Point of Info Janelle: SSSC has the same problem, the only way around it is the student goes to the department administrator they will email the grad students for interested students: eliminates the liability.

Isabella: What is the date of Winter formal?

Alicia: January 15

Isabella: can I have more details about charity lan?

Alicia: Need people to set up. It is November 21-22. We need people at the event to direct people to where they need to go for their event, and to sell tickets; mainly going to be helping engineering directors or giving out prizes.

9) **Motions**
   a) Motion to strike the science winter formal planning committee

Motivated: Alicia

   Questions:
   Isabella: Wouldn't the council be the committee?
   Alicia: No, we are looking for a specific committee of people.

   Sam: How are the seats to be filled?
   Alicia: We will vote.

   Debate: None
   Vote: All in favour Motion passes
   Nominations:
   - 2 academic societies: Talia (Geosoc)   Isabella (ESSA)
   - 3 members of council: Xavier Magloire, Skyler Mallozzi, Janelle Lamontagne
   Vote:
   Talia - all in favour
   Isabella - all in favour
   Xavier - all in favour
   Skyler - all in favour
   Janelle - all in favour

   b) **Motion to fill vacant council seats**

   Motivated by Garrett

   Graham Perry (Biology)
   Vote: All in favour

   Physics: Xavier Magloire
   Vote: 1 against, motion passes

c) Motion to approve the referendum question

Motivated by Seb

Questions:

Isabella: would we be able to show where the money is going before the levy is received?
Seb: The data from the survey will be used to tell where the money will go, but the allocation will not be able to be seen until it passes.

Skyler: Can we change it to not include the adjustment for inflation?
Seb: You can motion to amend. But this is for the future then we won't have to do any other referendum for this again. This is the most efficient way.

Sam: What was the turnout on the return of the survey?
Seb: 253 responses

Xavier: Inflation will add cents on every year, why bother?
Seb: The value will be different in the future, and this will ensure that the value will be the same far into the future.

Waqar: What verification method do we have to ensure that all people who responded were in science?
Aiden: We hesitated to put this on facebook because of this. Most will be in science because they went through the department. The survey also asked for the email so we could verify that they were in science to receive the beats headphones

Alex: How did you get $11?
Seb: Shown with full survey results.

Debate:

Points
Seb: some departmental advisors didn't do their job, but we don't think that it changes what the survey is saying. It will not be disproportionate, and the questions are broad so it will likely not change within a department. Reviewed survey results

Aiden: Point of information on the levy amounts around campus.

Waqar: Seeing as we don't have hardly any people responding from each department, this doesn't seem like a fair representation.

Sam: In addition to half the departments not having a turnout. All of computer science got it, and 3 people replied. Less than 5% of the department replied, this is not a good footing.

Aiden: To talk about turnout. All of the past response has been 10%. Although there aren't many responses, we cannot go to the department advisors, told by the dean of science. The outreach is now Rima because of the way we have done it.

Seb: the reason to send out the survey was to gain a sense from the population. We almost got 10% this year, and last year we got 10% vote. People who didn't do the survey don't care. We are asking what they would like to support with the money. The point of the survey was to tell what people are thinking for the levy money. I don't know any referendums that have done surveys before. We cannot do anything about the advisors not sending the survey out, but I can't see people in other departments being that different. It didn't turn out as we had hoped, we didn't get 10%, but we can't say we will postpone because if this does not pass this year, we will have to cut down on events. We need to pass the referendum this year because it will not pass the next year, we won't have money to do winter formal, make a legacy fund or fund scholarships. I don't think waiting is an option.

Sam: I agree that this is critical. But if only 10% vote yes, they may not accept it.

Seb: Board of governors will accept it. All we need is 50+1%.

Sam: if we actually want this to pass, because we cannot go and send emails directly to students we need to advertise.

Seb: The promotion will be going now, the referendum will be done through another platform. SSSC and ODS is supportive and will advertise.

Vote:
For: 18
Against: 0
Abstain: 1
Vote passes

10) **Other business**

   None

11) **Adjournment**

Moved: Kate   Seconded: Skyler

Motion to Strike the Science Winter Formal Planning Committee

Presentation Summary

Whereas the CSSS hosts a large annual winter formal event each year in January;

Whereas the formal event requires a great deal of planning;

Whereas the executive committee has already laid the groundwork for the event but are looking for help in planning the execution of the event;

Whereas many hands make light work.

Information Transfer

Be it Resolved that the CSSS council vote to strike an ad-hoc committee in order to assist the executives and director team in planning and executing the Science Winter Formal event.

Be it Further Resolved that the composition of the committee be as follows:
- Vice President Programming
- Director of Events
- Two (2) representative from academic society within science
- Three (3) members of council
- Two (2) members at large

Moved: Alicia Duval   **Seconded**: Aiden Forsyth
Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seats

Presentation Summary

Whereas every department in the Faculty of Science should be represented on the CSSS council;

Whereas Section IV, Article 1.1 (c) and (d) of the CSSS Constitution state that the composition of the Society Council will consist of 11 departmental representatives and three first year representatives;

Whereas some of these seats were never filled during the General Election or have now become vacant due to resignations and change of programs.

Whereas an eligible members have nominated themselves to fill the aforementioned vacancies,

Information Transfer:

      Be it Resolved that the CSSS council vote to fill the vacant positions of:

- Biology Representative (1)
- Physics Representative (1)
- Integrated Science Representative (1)
- First Year Representative (2)

Moved: Aiden Forsyth   **Seconded**: Sebastian Srugo

<u>Motion to Destroy the Elections Ballots</u>

Information Transfer:

Be it resolved that Council allow the Executive to destroy the ballots for the election of the vacant seats on November 5th, 2015.

Moved: Aiden Forsyth   **Seconded**: Sebastian Srugo

<u>Motion to Approve of the Referendum Question</u>

Presentation Summary

Whereas a goal of the CSSS is to help Science Departmental Clubs and Societies with event based funding.

Whereas the constant strain to fund events limits the fostering of a science community.

Whereas the executive have conducted a survey to understand best where the funds should be invested.

Whereas at this time X% of students respond to the $11 fee.

Information Transfer

Be it Resolved that the CSSS council approve the following question to be put forward to the entire faculty of science:

"Do you support the introduction of a fee of $11 per semester to be paid by all full-time and part-time undergraduate students enrolled in the Faculty of Science and increased for inflation annually by the CPI of Ottawa, to fund the operation of the Carleton Science Student Society?"

Moved: Sebastian Srugo   **Seconded**: Aiden Forsyth