

SIGMAS Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2020
Online, via Zoom

President: Joanna Niezen
Vice President: Mitchell Haslehurst
Treasurer: Laura Teshima
Secretary: Vacant

Director of Communications: Laura Teshima
GSS Representative: Vacant
CUPE 4163 Steward: Laura Teshima
Math and Stats Department Rep: Joanna Niezen
MS Equity and Diversity Committee Rep: Joanna Niezen, Vacant
Tea Chancellor/Poet Laureate: Vacant
Exam Sales Coordinator: Mitchell Haslehurst
Webmaster: Vacant
Peacekeeper: Joanna Niezen
Safety Captain: Vacant

Meeting called to order at 4:43pm.

Exam Sales: Not much to say because it has not happened since COVID began (the last time was December 2019). It was decided that an indefinite pause on exam sales was ideal. Post on website to come.

EDI: The committee is searching for two graduate student representatives to serve. One (1) master's student and one (1) PhD student desired. Joanna Niezen is the current PhD rep; master's position is vacant.

Department Meeting: Lots of discussion about online teaching at most recent department meeting. Faculty members Natasha and John have been trying to obtain visas to come to Canada. Undergraduate classes are planned to be online, while most, if not all, graduate classes will be in person. Department will be looking for a new ATP soon. There is pressure from the Dean to reduce class sizes. Joanna Niezen (current graduate student representative at department meetings) will be graduating soon; this implies a need for a new representative in due time.

CUPE 4163: There has been little word from the union, and nothing significant to say.

Treasurer: No money has been spent in the past term except for the purchase of masks for graduate students who ordered them, and the departing gift for a (now former) SIGMAS executive. Since exam sales are on hold, there is no money coming in either.

Office Space Committee: Has only met once so far, in June (?) Not much accomplished to speak of yet. Assistance Centre to open in new location in Fall 2021.

Elections: Held for positions of: representative on Graduate Students' Society council, Webmaster, Tea Chancellor, EDI Representatives, and Secretary. Aaron Slobodin elected for both Secretary and Webmaster positions. No one elected for: GRC rep, Tea Chancellor, or master's student EDI rep. PhD EDI rep is still Joanna.

Events: Ideas for events include: scavenger hunt, online games, book club, movie nights, generic hangouts.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.