

SIGMAS Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2021
Online, via Zoom

President: Joanna Niezen
Vice President: Mitchell Haslehurst
Treasurer: Laura Teshima
Secretary: Aaron Slobodin

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: Aaron Slobodin
Peacekeeper: Joanna Niezen
Safety Captain: Vacant

Meeting called to order at 4:34pm.

Exam Sales: Nothing to report. Everything is still online. Continue with the previously decided indefinite pause on exam sales.

EDI: The committee is searching for two graduate student representatives to serve. One (1) master's student and one (1) PhD student desired or one (1) start of program and one (1) end of program. Joanna Niezen has left the PhD representative position. Kieka Mynhardt (normally chair of the committee) is on study leave. Jane Butterfield has temporarily taken over the chair. Students should be expecting emails regarding monthly seminars put on by the EDI committee. The previously proposed History of Math course is being pushed forward by Jane Butterfield. History of Math used to be a course taught by Florin Diacu. Jane B is looking to rework into a course about Math from a multicultural/ equity prospective. Jane will likely be looking for research assistants to help prepare the course. Interested students should email Jane.

Department Meeting: Department anticipates running classes with 40 or less students in person in the summer, depending on the pandemic climate of course. ATP position has been filled by Brittany Halverson-Duncan. Katherine Atkinson is now the senior lab instructor for the year. Amy Almeida (the current grad secretary) has taken a one-year leave. Patti Arts has stepped in to fill the position. Marcelo Laca is now the graduate advisor.

CUPE 4163: There has been little word from the union, and nothing significant to say. If you receive an email survey from the union please complete it.

Treasurer: We brought in \$0 and spent \$77 on 7 masks for graduate students early in September. PSA: Apparently the masks are huge.

Tea Chancellor: Joseph Horan has kindly continued his role as Tea Chancellor. He is happy to keep the chair warm until someone is interested in taking over. Please come to tea at 2pm on Tuesdays!

Elections: Held for positions of: SIGMAS President, Department representative, representative on Graduate Students' Society council, Tea Chancellor, and EDI representatives. Mitch Haslehurst voted into SIGMAS President and Department representative. Arjun Banik voted in to one of two

EDI representatives. Joseph Horan (though not in attendance) was voted to continue his role as Tea Chancellor. No one elected for: GSS representative and the second EDI representative.

Events: Ideas for events include:

1. Online games: Among us (possibly coordinated by Aaron), Codenames, & Jackbox
2. Online scavenger hunt
3. May-term mini golf? (coordinated by Arnott)
4. Socially distanced bike ride?
5. Arnott leads Zoom musical jam session?
6. Book club retry?
7. Arnott organizes arts and crafts on Zoom?

Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.