

SIGMAS Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 3, 2016, 15:30
Grad House

President: Amanda Malloch
President Elect: Charlie Watson
Vice President: Jane Wodlinger
Treasurer: Laura Teshima
Secretary: Joseph Horan
GSS Representative: Joseph Horan
CUPE 4163 Representative: Jane Wodlinger
Math and Stats Department Representative: Amanda Malloch
M/S Dept. Rep. Elect: Charlie Watson
Alternate M/S Dept. Rep. : Mark Piraino
Tea Chancellor/Poet Laureate: Joseph Horan
TC/PL Elects: Dan Hudson, Chloe Lampman
Webmaster: Joseph Horan
Peacekeeper (Acting or Otherwise): Vacant
Safety Captain: Vacant
Communications Scrabble Acronym: Jane Wodlinger and Laura Teshima

Present (by rough seating position): Amanda Malloch, Dan Hudson (Future Grad, SUMS Exec), Chloe Lampman (SUMS President), Yin Song, Charlie Watson, Mark Piraino, Laura Teshima, Tom Thompson, Joanna Niezen, Brittany Halverson-Duncan (Former Grad), Chi Kou, Jane Wodlinger.

Regrets: Joseph Horan, others...?

Disclaimer: Joseph wasn't actually at the meeting, and is simply typing up and expanding slightly on notes written by Jane.

The meeting was called to order at 15:46. The first order of business is filling vacant positions! Hooray. To begin, Joseph is stepping down from the position of Tea Chancellor and Poet Laureate [which is technically sort of two positions] at the end of August. Speaking rights for non-current graduate students are immediately obtained (or at least the issue is ignored). Brittany says that she “would like to be asked to do Tea at the last minute.” Dan and Chloe offer to fill the position, as a team. There is a discussion of the duties of the position: sending Tea-mail, setting Tea up, getting volunteers, etc. Eventually, we hold a vote! Or rather, an acclamation: **Dan and Chloe are unanimously elected to the position of Tea Chancellor and Poet Laureate.** [In the exec list above, since Joseph is staying on in the role until September, Dan and Chloe, also known as “Doë”, are listed as TC/PL Elects. Moreover, there are no regulations, as far as the Constitution (which is basically ignored nowadays, for good reason) or any of us are concerned, about having a non-graduate student take on the role of TC/PL, so Chloe is a perfectly valid choice.]

Next up is the task of finding a new President, because Amanda is graduating (!!). Charlie nominates himself as President and Department Rep; really, this went something like “Amanda wanted me to take her positi- ” “- So you're nominating yourself.” Mark volunteers to be an Alternate Department Rep. **Both of these nominations are ratified, by “many ayes”.**

Amanda mentions the SIGMAS Tutor List, and duties involved in maintaining it: sending the sign-up e-mail around to the grads with a deadline, turning the resulting list into a pdf, and giving the pdf to the Webmaster (currently Joseph) to put up on the SIGMAS webpage. [I've even got it set up such that it automatically links correctly from the AC webpage, because the file is changed on the SIGMAS page but the name isn't. I mean, this is maybe a problem when people don't refresh their browsers, but it's impossible to force them to do that while also still not changing the explicit

url...] It is brought up that maybe we could have a ‘bad student’ list. After some discussion, the consensus is that we could do that (though we need to be careful about where this list would exist).

On to summer events! We had a party last month for Victoria Day at Charlie’s house. I think we can all agree that Charlie hosts pretty good parties. There are plans for a brewery tour, to be held on July 16th (a Saturday). More details to come. It is suggested that maybe we’ll do one tour, and then also do tastings at (all) the other breweries. At this point, Amanda and Jane comment that they approve of New Growth, which is apparently a new pale ale by Driftwood. Another option for Beer Fridays?

Other events that are discussed include doing another Photo Scavenger Hunt, to which the response is: “Yes.” [Joseph was part of a Photo Scavenger Hunt put on by the GSS at the beginning of April; it was also fun! But only because he just hung around as part of the judging committee.] Charlie brings up the idea of “Pub Golf”, which prompts a discussion (by only half the table...) of not just the event itself, but also of ways to cheat at the event, and if they actually constitute cheating. Amanda is defending on July 29th (a Friday), which gives rise to an **Action Item**: plan an all-day party. Presumably for the next day?

The next topic addressed is the recent grievance meeting, about the rate of pay for invigilators.

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At some point, a musical act is advertised: Charlie Burton, a former UVic employee and current folk-singer and guitarist, is playing a gig a few weeks from now. The date mentioned was June 24th, but a look at the artist’s webpage seems to indicate that the gig is actually on June 23rd (a Thursday), from 19:00 to 21:00 at Bubby’s Kitchen, 355 Cook Street. Burton has been featured on CBC’s North by Northwest, and has had some success touring parts of Canada; he occasionally performs with his daughters. A perusal of the videos available on his website indicate that this is liable to be a good time.

The meeting adjourns at some time.