

# The Interdepartmental Science Students' Society

Fall COSSA General Meeting

Agenda

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Location: CCIS 1-140

*(Brief introduction to Robert's Rules of Order)*

## Attendance

ISSS Members: *Victoria Pham (VP Community), Laura Lee (Director of COSSA), Fahim Rahman (VP Academic), Shauna Regan (President)*

COSSA Members: *Yvonne Chen (Eureka), Anthony Ness (IMINSA), Ian Tetterington (IMINSA), Katie Pelletier (MBSA), Olga Guintchitskeia (MBSA), Keith Phoa (NSA), Michael Chen (PSA), Jaasmit Khurana (PSA), Justine Hames (PMSA), Michael Zerihoun (UACS), Logan Moran (MSS), Jessie Obacz (UPS), Allan Wu (UPSA), Nick Parajko (UACTWS), Katherine Pramble (UAPS), Preeti Kuttikat (UAWISE), Candace Farrar (ZM), Ryan Lagerquist (AtmoSci),*

Faculty Member: *Jodi Richter (FoS). [jodi.richter@ualberta.ca](mailto:jodi.richter@ualberta.ca) (780-248-1117)*

Chairperson: Laura Lee

Minutes: Victoria Pham

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to be approved.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

**Motion** to approve the agenda below, as written. Fahim/Keith. Motion carries.

### 4. Presentations

#### 1. Communications, Victoria

*Passing around the contact list I have on record to contact your group, please verify information and contact names.*

#### 2. SCI5 FAMF, Shauna (2 minutes)

*Changes surrounding COSSA Automatic Funding because of the FAMF timing, and how that affects groups in 2014-2015.*

#### 3. Budget Discussion, Fahim (3 minutes)

*What has occurred surrounding the University's financial situation so far, what will be occurring timeline-wise and what support we can provide as a Faculty Association*

#### 4. COSSA granting process, Laura (10 minutes)

*Details and tips about how to successfully apply for COSSA Initiatives and COSSA Resources Grants*

- a. Also reminder to: CSA, MSS, UPA, Atmo Sci, PSW, CBSA, MBSA --> remember to send in your SGS proof of

registration to me by October 15 to get your automatic granting money.

## 5. Question Period

## 6. New Business

1. COSSA Granting Committee – This committee requires that three people who are executives on COSSA groups sit on it to help assess the applications.
  - a. **Motion** to open nominations for the Granting Committee. Ryan/Katie, Motion carries 23/0/0.
    - i. Nominations: Candace Farrar, Allan Wu, Jessie Obacz, Keith Phoa, Michael Zerihoun.
    - ii. Voting. Each person can vote 3 times.
  - b. **Motion** to close nominations for the COSSA Granting Committee. Katie/Katherine. Motion carries 23/0/0.
  - c. **Motion** to appoint Candace Farrar, Michael Zerihoun and Jessie Obacz to the COSSA Granting Committee. Preeti/Nick. Motion carries 23/0/0.

## 7. Discussion Period

1. COSSA Group Events, Victoria
 

*Quick update from everyone about what events you've already done or are upcoming! Any interest for a possible collaboration with the ISSS for a collective Halloween Howler bar event?*

  - a. Jessie: UPS already had lab tours, launched rockets in Quad, planning a laser tag event with other groups like MECE, grad students. Meet the prof night so that profs and students can mingle. Party every year that is themed.
  - b. Yvonne: Eureka publishes undergrad student research from U of A, so anything with collaborations we publish.
  - c. Ryan: AtmoSci has storm chasing for 2 weeks in May. Going to America meteorological society. So far had general meeting, going to Stony Plain.
  - d. Michael: PSA had study session for 201. BBQ collaborating with Department for all undergrad and graduates.
  - e. Michael: UACS has BBQ on 16th, will have party at the beginning of term, happens every year.
  - f. Justine: PMSA, fundraiser BBQ yesterday, will have another one this week on Thursday. How to apply for Med School workshops, with different stages in the process. Have doctors in residence talk to students. Application workshops.
  - g. Preeti: Management events planned, people from tech field, engineering, BioSci, and grad students from different faculties. They come talk about application process and what they're doing. Also have an industry mixer planned. DiscoverE plans. Recruiting undergrad speakers. Collaborating with CAPS. Application process with schools.
  - h. Fahim: For CHEMSA, they're not here because there's currently a meet the prof night.
  - i. Keith: Had first year orientation, showed them the med buildings. Bake sale yesterday, have beertasting in the woods in May. Wanna do collaborative events with other honours student groups.

- j. Candace: We've taken over from what was APES. This is our first year, had a zoo tour.
- k. Ian: Semi-annual microbe sale, have meet the prof night, movie nights, grad banquets, during Health Week handed out condoms.
- l. Katie: Annual meet the prof night, meet the grad students. Undergrad lab tours of microbiology undergraduate labs. Putting together study groups for genetics courses. Had meet the exec mixer. Also working with Department of Biology to improve the 207 PAL program.
- m. Nick: Had 2 nature walks every week since first week of school. Calendar contest, fundraiser for best 12 pictures to sell calendars for Christmas. Going to Tofield, having a potluck dinner for hunters bringing out lynx or bear. Live band there, and then ice fishing over frozen water.
- n. Katherine: pulled pork sandwiches sale, watched rockets being launched. Having monthly talk series, first one was Science, science fiction, and science of Jurassic Park. Rest of year, late October have merchandise sales and in February have biannual symposium. Monthly social events, different every month. End of term event.
- o. Allan, Shauna: Had meet and greet, planning October lab tours, will have some social events like laser tag. Anatomically correct bake sale next month. And planning a mixer with the other medical sciences groups.

## 8. Adjournment

1. **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 PM. Katie/Nick. Motion carries 23/0/0.