



## Science Undergraduate Society

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### **January 18, 2017 FINCOM Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 1:06 PM

#### **Present**

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| VP Finance                | Sheila Wang |
| AVP Finance               | Ryan Lou    |
| Physics Representative    | Arnold Choa |
| Statistics Representative | Oscar Tu    |

#### **Regrets**

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Astronomy Representative           | Hikari Rachmat  |
| Integrated Sciences Representative | Caroline Sutton |
| MBIM Representative                | Paul McDade     |
| Mathematics Representative         | Tommi Muller    |
| Member-at-Large                    | Thomas Hoang    |
| Member-at-Large                    | Alyssa Yong     |
| Member-at-Large                    | Talia Ada Ang   |

#### **Club Operations Grant(s):**

Undergraduate Research Opportunities (URO)

#### **Membership:**

- 266/369 are Science students = 72%
  - Disregarded the count reported by URO – probably included Applied Science Students
- Formula:  $\frac{(72\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 1.5\%$

#### **Events:**

7/10 for Variety of Events

- Not very many social events - mostly Professional Development Night
- More focussed towards research and mentorship (which is more academic, but also social)

4/5 for Collaborations with Other Clubs

- More collaborations with clubs associated with the Physical/Mathematical sciences as it may seem like there aren't many research opportunities for these fields
- Life Sciences Research Night - many collaborations on the one event, but it is not specifically URO that is contributing towards the event

4/5 for Appeal to (non) members

- Does have the appeal of helping undergraduate students get into research

**Rationale:**

2.5/5 for Following Directions

- Is over 2 pages for the rationale, and is not in 1.5 spacing (so it is actually more than 2)

5/5 for Grammar/Mechanics

- Well written rationale with grammatical mistakes

10/10 for Goals of the Club

- Goals are fairly clear: to get undergraduate students into research

20/20 for How this Club Benefits Science Students

- Clear benefits; helps undergraduate students discover their research interests
- As a lot of Science-related jobs involve research, this is important
- May help with careers after undergraduate or further research

**Budget:**

0/5 for Aiming for Zero Budget

- There is a large deficit that is being aimed for

4/10 for Detailed Expenses/Revenues

- Headers do not mean detail
- Events do not have detailed costs (It is itemized, but there are no amounts for each item)
- Does not include the expected SUS Club Operations Grant in the budget

5/20 for Reasonable Expenses/Revenues

- Again, not enough detail to know whether the expenses/revenues are reasonable or not
- Total membership does not seem to match up to the membership revenue

**Total:  $(1.5+9+17.5+20+15)/100 = 0.63 \times \$1,200.00 = \$756.00$**

Computer Science Student Society

**Membership:**

- $1474/1927 = 76\%$  Science Students
- $\frac{(76\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 2\%$

**Events:**

3.5/10: Mix of Social and Academic Events

- Mostly social events; not enough career development
- No detail provided for each events; can only decide based on names of the events

0/5 for Collaborations with Other Clubs

- Cannot tell due to the lack of event descriptions
- Only event we can guess collaboration is happening is the Technical Career Fair

2.5/5 Appeal to members and non-members

- Appeals to members (computer science students), but cannot determine how they appeal to non-members

### **Rationale:**

5/5 for Following Directions

- Followed formatting directions

5/5 for Grammar/Mechanics

- Well written, concise Rationale with no glaring mistakes

6/10 for Goals and Purposes of the Club

- Clear goals, but does not specifically mention between closer collaborations with SUS

12/20 for How is the Club Beneficial to Science Student

- Important to have social events, but there is a need for professional development and ways of helping struggling students
- The part where they are trying to encourage students to become a TA is great
  - Can help alleviate the overcrowding problems in CPSC by adding teaching capacity
- Free Breakfast is nice to have, especially for tired students in the morning

### **Budget:**

4/5 for Aiming for a zero budget

- Minor surplus is being aimed for, but it is fairly negligible compared to the total budget

6.5/10 for Detailed budget

- Is detailed but not itemized on the actual budget
- Provided events list with the budget for each event, which is good, but still not itemized in enough detail to see what specifically the money goes towards

Reasonable Expenses 15.5/20

- Event expenses are fairly reasonable and are justified, although there could be more budgeted for the Gala and Career Fair, based on last year's budget

**Total: (2+6+28+27)/100 = 0.63 x \$1,200.00 = \$756**

### **Club Careers Night Grant**

UBC Neuroscience Club

- Is both a social and academic event; is an informal way to meet with faculty to talk about future career goals
- Goals are not too ambitious – as the club has not hosted an event like this, it works
- Well-planned (based on the details given) and looks like an easy plan to work off of

- Not sure if the amount of food for around 80-100 people (\$200) is enough, but the amount being asked is reasonable
- **Full grant (\$200.00) approved**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM**