



Science Undergraduate Society

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February 1, 2017 Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:11 PM

Present

VP Finance	Sheila Wang
AVP Finance	Ryan Lou
Integrated Sciences Representative	Caroline Sutton
Physics Representative	Arnold Choa

Regrets

Astronomy Representative	Hikari Rachmat
MBIM Representative	Paul McDade
Mathematics Representative	Tommi Muller
Statistics Representative	Oscar Tu
Member-at-Large	Thomas Hoang
Member-at-Large	Alyssa Yong
Member-at-Large	Talia Ada Ang

Club Operations Grants:

Project PATHS (\$0.00)

- No student numbers of some members, only accounting for those that do brings the total to well below 60% science students – the eligibility threshold for the Club Operations Grant.
- As this club will donate any surplus to the Parkinson Society British Columbia and Alzheimer's Society British Columbia, we cannot provide a Grant for that because it is Science Student money going towards the charity.

Biological Sciences Society (BIOSOC)

- Decision reserved for a later meeting due to incomplete member's list (no student numbers)

UBC Astronomy Club

Membership (0/5)

- Meets the minimum 60% science student requirement at 61%
- Formula: $\frac{(61\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 0.125\%$

Events (12/20)

7/10 for a great variety of events

- Good variety, but a little more social than academic events

2.5/5 for Collaborations with other clubs

- There are some collaborations with PHAS and in Nerd Love with other SUS clubs involved
- However, there is clearly an interest from other faculties in this club as demonstrated by the membership, so there could be collaborations with other faculty clubs as well

2.5/5 How well these Events Appeal to Members and Non-Members

- Really only appeals to members because they joined due to their interest in Astronomy, but there are some events open to non-members like the lecture series and observation nights on campus

Rationale (35.5/40)

5/5 for Following Directions

- Followed formatting directions

5/5 for Grammar/Mechanics

- Very well written, persuasive rationale with no glaring mistakes

9.5/10 for Goals of the club

- Goals were well demonstrated in that they want to bring Astronomy to a wide audience of students from different faculties

16/20 for How the Club Benefits Science Students

- Provides a way for science students to explore the many objects seen in space like stars, planets, galaxies through observation nights in various places
- This club allows for interactions with people interested in astronomy from other faculties with Science students
- However, as the club does contain members from other faculties, the Grant Money may not fully benefit Science students

Budget (31/35)

5/5 for Aiming for a zero budget

- Is clearly aiming for a zero budget

8/10 for Detailed Revenues/Expenses

- Could have a breakdown for the events, but for this size of budget it's not bad

18/20 for Reasonable expenses and revenues

- Expenses are reasonable for the nature of the club
- Revenues are also reasonable for the events they are putting on

Total: $(0 + 12 + 35.5 + 31)/100 = 0.78 \times \$1,200.00 = \$936.00$

Special Projects Grant

UBC Neuroscience Club (UNC) - **\$125.00**

- A club journal press is a good idea in order to increase the exposure undergraduate student research
- Expenses are reasonable in that it needs to get the attention of those interested
- Has tried to source funding from another source (Walter Gage Fund)
- A sample paper included as a preview of the press demonstrates the quality of the work done
- **50% of the relevant expenses (\$250.00) = \$125.00, so we cannot allot the full \$200.00**

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM