



Science Undergraduate Society

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February 8, 2017 Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:06 PM

Present

VP Finance	Sheila Wang
AVP Finance	Ryan Lou
Astronomy Representative	Hikari Rachmat
Mathematics Representative	Tommi Muller
Physics Representative	Arnold Choa

Regrets

Integrated Sciences Representative	Caroline Sutton
Statistics Representative	Oscar Tu
Member-at-Large	Thomas Hoang
Member-at-Large	Alyssa Yong
Member-at-Large	Talia Ada Ang

Club Operations Grants:

BIOSOC (Deferred)

- Defer them until after Reading Break – tell them to obtain the student numbers from their members, give them until after Reading Break to submit it.

Cognitive Systems Society (\$0.00)

- 28/75 → 37% of the members are Science students (counting Science students alone)
 - Even if execs are included, it is still 35/87, which is 40%
- Even if we included members with missing information as Science students it is 47/75 it is 63%, but we cannot assume that they are Science students so we cannot review based on that information
- It is not our responsibility to fund a clubs with mostly students from other faculties, even though Cognitive Systems is within Science

GSA (\$0.00)

- 8/83 → 10% Science students, so they are not eligible for the Grant

PSA (\$0.00)

- 18/108 → 17% Science students, so they are not eligible for the Grant

UBC Physics Society

Membership (4.5/5)

- 132/138 = 96% of students are in Science
- Formula: $\frac{(96\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 4.5\%$

Events (14/20)

9/10 for a Great Variety of Events

- Good mix of social and academic events
- Missing future events, only has the recurring events

1/5 for Collaborations with Other Clubs

- Only with Astronomy and Biophysics Clubs

4/5 for How well the Events Appeal to Members and Non-Members

- There's food for the barbecue, wine and cheese, and beef and Pizza which may attract a lot of people
- Python/Latex caters to Math/Physics/Engineering/Geology
- Caters to a lot of students for the review sessions (interdisciplinary of many different science students)

Rationale (33/40)

3.5/5 for Following Directions

- Under 2 pages, but no 1.5-line spacing and no spaces between paragraphs

4/5 for Grammars/Mechanics

- Short, but concise writing with no mistakes and effort was put into writing it

9.5/10 for Goals of the Club

- Goals to improve tutoring students in Physics are great, along with the ability to better connect with professors over food
- Proactive in improving the club through getting feedback from students over food

16/20 for How the club is beneficial to Science Students

- Benefits first years (not just students who want to specialize in Physics) with the review sessions and tutoring opportunities
- Also benefits students outside Physics with the Latex and Python workshops

- Provides grants to Physics students seeking professional development activities (conferences)

Budget (28.5/35)

5/5 for Aiming for a Zero budget

- The \$32.47 is relatively low compared to their overall budget of \$5400.00

6/10 for Detailed Expenses/Revenues

- Has the events, but does not have a brief breakdown of costs and revenues of the events, although it can be inferred from the events what the costs will be

17.5/20 for Reasonable Expenses and Revenues

- Expenses (food, printing, building rentals, grants) are all justified for the types of events they put up; actual amounts are close to what was budgeted
- Revenues also seem par for the course in terms of review sessions and exam packs are concerned

Total: $(4.5 + 14 + 33 + 28.5)/100 = 0.80 \times \$1,200.00 = \$960.00$

Club Careers Night Grants

ISSA – Meet your Alumni (\$200.00)

- Well planned out event in which the goals are achievable due to the inclusion of CMS students in addition to the ISCI students already invited
 - Students from other programs also welcome
 - Plan is easy to follow and the issues are understandable (like finding ISCI students that are not partially life sciences-based)
- Networking is key for a program where students choose their own specialization as they do not belong to a department, which can be satisfied by alumni speaking to current ISCI students
- **Amount requested (\$200.00) approved**

Professional Development Grants

Alyssa Mari Thurston

- The purpose of the conference is related to her future goals as applying for Masters of Public Health
- The conference allows her the opportunity to present her research, something she will have to do as a Masters student
- Although the project is affiliated with SPPH, she is eligible as she is a Biology Student
- **Full Grant (\$300.00) approved**

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM