



## Science Undergraduate Society

The Science Undergraduate Society of UBC c/o Dean of Science - 6270 University Boulevard - Vancouver, BC V6T 1W5  
604-822-4235 - info@sus.ubc.ca - www.sus.ubc.ca

### **March 1, 2017 Grants Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order 1:05 PM

#### **Present**

VP Finance	Sheila Wang
AVP Finance	Ryan Lou
Physics Representative	Arnold Choa
Member-at-Large	Alyssa Yong
Member-at-Large	Talia Ada Ang

#### **Regrets**

Astronomy Representative	Hikari Rachmat
Integrated Sciences Representative	Caroline Sutton
Mathematics Representative	Tommi Muller
Statistics Representative	Oscar Tu
Member-at-Large	Thomas Hoang

#### **Club Operations Grants:**

BIOSOC

#### **Membership (5/5)**

- 100% of members are Science students
- Formula:  $\frac{(100\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 5\%$

#### **Events (13/20)**

7/10 for Variety of Events

- Not very many Academic events
  - Not sure of the frequency of workshops
- More social events than Academic
  - Monthly socials increase the count as each month is one event

2/5 for Collaborations with Other Clubs

- 2 Event Collaborations
- Life Science Research Night and 2 Bucks a Beaker is more like tagging on

4/5 for How well the events appeal to members and non-members

- Exam packs help a variety of students, but less so for upper year students
- Research and career nights also appeal to a variety of students
- Social events are mostly free, which appeals to a wide variety of students

### **Rationale (31/40)**

2.5/5 for Formatting

- Single spaced, but font size is fine

3/5 for Grammar/mechanics

- Was persuasive but larger words were overused, making it seem over complicated

8.5/10 for Goals of the Club

- Goals are clear and listed out for easy reading
- Membership benefits aren't specified (as in point A)
- Does have a personalized experience, but was worded poorly and may be too ambitious

17/20 for How is the club beneficial to Science Students?

- Exam packs help many Science Students (especially lower years)
- Majority of events are free and provide academic support
- Does try to provide a more personalized experience for their members

### **Budget (12.5/35)**

1/5 for Aiming for zero budget

- Club Operations Grant not included (will bring it into a major surplus)

1.5/10 for Detailed Expenses/Revenues

- Only listed events, no detail for what the costs are for
- Membership revenue is included

Are the expenses and reasonable? (10/20)

- Expenses are reasonable for what their events are
- Their revenues are not reasonable at all because not all (est. 1/3) will buy them
- Exec dinner is quite expensive per person for 1 dinner (\$18/person)

$$(5 + 13 + 31 + 12.5) / 100 = 61.5 / 100 = 0.615 \times \$1,200.00 = \$738.00$$

ISSA

### **Membership (5/5)**

- Where did the 0.70 come from in membership fees?
- 100% of members are Science students
- Formula:  $\frac{(100\% - 60\%)}{40} \times 5 = 5\%$

### **Events (17/20)**

8/10 for Variety of events

- Not much variety (more social and academic), but that's because they are mixed events
- But there is a sport event (volleyball)

4/5 for Collaborations with Other Clubs

- Not as many collaborations, but when they do they collaborate with a wide variety of clubs

5/5 for How well do they appeal to members and non-members?

- They have free coffee and food for some events
- Events seem fun (for social events) and academic events seem informative
- ISCI points awarded for attendance, so it attracts integrated science students

### **Rationale (36.5/40)**

5/5 for Following formatting directions

- Followed formatting directions

4/5 for Mechanics/Grammar

- Lack of indentation made it harder to read and some minor grammatical mistakes
- Was persuasive in communicating the club's purpose and benefits

9/10 for Goals of the Club

- Goals clearly listed and action plan also included

18.5/20 for How well does the club benefit Science Students?

- Goals clearly listed and action plan also included to reach those goals
- Provides support for prospective Integrated Science students from upper year mentors and advice on writing their applications and provides coffee
- Social events, like recreational sports help students have fun with other like-minded science students

### **Budget (0/35)**

The budget appears to be from last year but seeing as if they had it but perhaps did not replace the budget or label it properly, we are giving them a second chance, but maximum they will receive for this section is capped at half (17.5/35).

**$(5 + 17 + 36.5 + 0) / 100 = 58.5 / 100 = 0.585 \times \$1,200.00 = \$702.00$  (pending review of budget)**

### **Professional Development Grants:**

Craig Stewart

- Expenses are reasonable for the conference (Harvard NCRC)
- The conference relates to his research and will broaden his knowledge
- His research contributes to his goals of becoming a medical researcher
- **Full Grant (\$300.00) approved**

Jan Xue

- Expenses are reasonable for the conference (Harvard NCRC)
- Relates to the research and her future goals of pursuing graduate school
- Allows her to present and receive training from workshops and panels
- **Full Grant (\$300.00) approved**

Alice Wang

- Expenses are reasonable for the conference (Harvard NCRC)
- Conference will give her exposure to scientific presentations and learn from fellow researchers to improve her research methods
- Relates to her research that she has been involved in for the past 10 months.
- **Full Grant (\$300.00) approved**

Meeting Adjourned at 1:58 PM