

**PGSA Meeting**  
**September 24, 2015 1130-1300**

**In attendance:** Ian Davidson, Saeid Chavoshi, Jacquie Hogue, Susannah Mulvale, Eric Oosenbrug, Jenkin Mok, Elisea De Somma, Hilda Ho, Tim Leonard

**PGSA Executive Committee Elections:**

- The following positions were elected:

Co-Chair:  
Susannah Mulvale, Hilda Ho

Deputy Chair:  
Jala Rizeq

Communications Coordinator:  
Ian Davidson, Carol Lee

Departmental Representative, Grad Executive:  
Hilda Ho, Jenkin Mok

Departmental Representative, Psychology Department:  
Annalise D'Souza, Justeena Zaki-Azat, Jacquie Hogue

International Students Representative:  
Jala Rizeq

Social Coordinator:  
Amy Shannon, Elisea De Somma, Saeid Chavoshi

FGS Representative:  
Devin Heinze Kehoe, Audrey Wong-Kee-You

GSA Representative:  
Eric Oosenbrug, Lisa Feingold, Saeid Chavoshi, Elisea De Somma

Secretary:  
Susannah Mulvale

Treasurer:  
Tim Leonard, Francisco Parreira

- Saied told us about his proposal to have a Grad Student Lounge in the BSB. He is working on getting it approved by the department.

- Motion put forward by Tim and Saied that PGSA funds (~\$2000) previously allocated to thesis and conference funding go to facilitating social events and other activities within the department. The reasoning for this was that the thesis and conference funding takes up the majority of the budget, but so many students were applying for it that it was working out to a very small amount per person (~\$50), so perhaps we could make better use of this money.
- Talked about the benefits of having more social events to promote networking and collegiality between sections of the department.
- Motion put forward to put a vote to the psychology student body on whether to re-allocate Thesis/Conference fund to Social Event organization. We set a tentative date for this vote on the afternoon of October 14.
- Discussed different possibilities for social events:
  - Eric: events where students get to present and talk about their work
  - Saied: wine and cheese - perhaps in the Chancellor's Room in the Underground
  - Ian: Snakes and Lattes
  - Tim: Halloween event put on by the Neuroscience Association could perhaps be held in BSB 163 on October 28. Costume party, catering with bar.