

ESSU meeting minutes – September 29, 2005

In attendance:

George Patton, Mike Middleton, Mary Ann Berg, Magdalena Lesiczka, Sean Stevenson, Mazdak Salehi, Bryn Laidlaw, Jeff Catterall, Sandi Grad, Jackie Chau, Brant McDowell, Jerry Holmes, Cori Hughes, Colleen Muntener, Steve Cannon

1. Christmas Party

This will be a little more formal than a social. It will be a buffet style dinner costing \$20-\$25 with the tickets covering the cost of the full dinner. The rest of the costs will be split with, tentatively, the department covering the cost of the building, grads cover the music costs and undergrads covering the cost of the liquor license. Drinks will be available to purchase at the event. There will be a variety of food so there will be something for everyone. The location is still to be announced.

2. Outreach

a) John Simms is looking for people to talk to high school students and encourage them to go into Earth Sciences. More information on this will be coming soon.

b) Brant McDowell is planning on putting together a slide show with general pictures what working in geology looks like. These will be shown to the first year Earth Sciences class to encourage students to major in Earth Sciences. If you have any pictures from working in the field or that represent Earth Sciences please email them to Brant at bdmcdowe@sfu.ca. He is also looking for people who would want to volunteer to present the slide show.

3. Last Social business

A motion has been put forth by Brant McDowell and 2nded by Jeff Catterall to reimburse Mary Ann Berg for the following costs:

\$41.25-Ice

\$146.59-Pizza

\$659.16-Alcohol

Everyone at the meeting has agreed to reimburse Mary Ann for these expenses. A motion has been put forth by Brant McDowell and 2nded by Jeff Catterall to reimburse Mike Middleton \$171 for snacks. Everyone at the meeting has agreed to reimburse Mike for these expenses.

4. The letters' were sent off for Robbie Dunlop's teaching award. It will be a wait until we hear back but we hope for the best. At the next social there is the possibility of doing a group undergrad photo.

5. At the next departmental meeting Brant McDowell and Colleen Muntener will be attending to discuss the new charge of \$0.30/Km on the Earth Science vans which have been added to cover the cost of maintenance. Everyone at the meeting has voted in favour of bringing our concerns to the department.

ESSU Secretary and Minister of Information