



The BGSS Bulletin



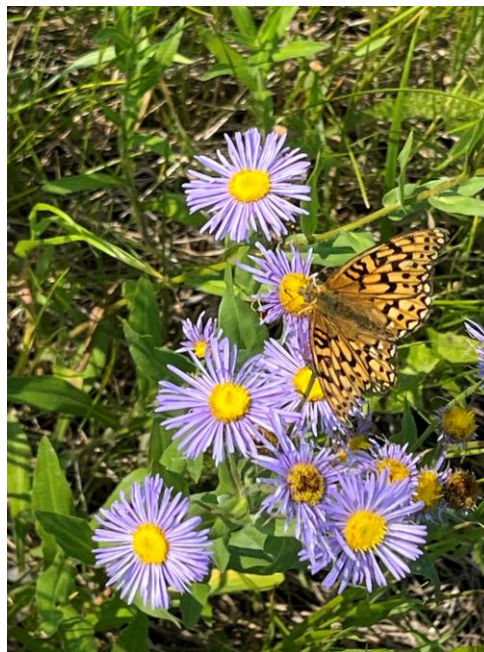
Upcoming Events

August 2nd @ 4pm: Grad Student BBQ hosted by GSC. Register at the link on their Instagram page (@gsc_suo)

August 3rd @ 8pm: Opera Under the Stars in the courtyard. Register online to attend this free event.

August 29 and 30 @ Noon: Grad Student Campus Tours. Register online @ <https://gradstudies.ok.ubc.ca/orientation/>

August 31st all day: Graduate Student Orientation. Open to those who started in January and May 2023, and those starting September 2023. Register online @ <https://gradstudies.ok.ubc.ca/orientation/>



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Department Updates

- The Faculty of Science is trialing a “hot-desk” program that could replace individually assigned desks - this change is being led by Dr. Andrew Jirasek
- BIOL 116 and 125 are being overhauled using the LabFlow platform
- TA assignments are being made by Tristyn Hay and Tyler Donner
- The Biology department has stated that it will encourage TA supervisors to better outline duties and timelines
- The Biology department will accept anonymous feedback from TAs re: classes and supervisors via unsigned letters, the BCGEU, and the BGSS

Progress Reports

- The BGSS is remaining in contact with the BCGEU to ensure that the Biology Department follows through on their proposed responses to feedback including updates to the grad student handbook and increased transparency
- We will be hosting a welcome event for incoming Biology Graduate Students the first week of September - reach out to us if you are interested in helping organize!

Check out the BGSS Bulletin Board in the Science Building for paper copies of our newsletter, upcoming event reminders, opportunities, and more! If you have an upcoming defense or event you'd like to advertise, contact us about getting it on our board/website/socials/newsletter!

Reminders

- August 30th:** Final Thesis/Dissertation Approval Deadline for September Degree Conferral
- August 21 to September 25:** Opt-out period for Extended Health and Dental Plan
- September 6th:** Deadline to pay tuition

