

BGSC December 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: John Serafini, Howard Teresinski, Sofia, Cale, Drew Sauve, Anna Tigano, Yi han, Leslie Holmes, Dylan Sora

Social Coordinator

Poor attendance at events-> Trying to get feed back on whether or not to do events.

In particular misunderstanding of one line in email sent out about.

Poor response from the committee on door decorating contest.

Social coordinator does want to organize events, but doesn't want to spend time organizing if no one will participate. Wanted to gauge whether or not people are interested in events.

Lots of events hosted this year. Trivia, Beer with Profs, BEERs.

Problems with social coordinator→ Thankless position and difficult.

Who are we trying to host events for?

→ Host events for any number of events no matter how small

Change of holiday party to the new year.

-No longer able to get money for the department while their budget is in review

Used to run events that would make a profit.

Transition has been difficult.

First event of the year-Holiday Party

Advertise for second social coordinator

Coffee Time

-> One individual responsible for each week of the month

Transition Reports

Late to arrival and outdated.

Constitution

Problem: In breach of constitution.

Members need to read the constitution.

Outdated and difficult to work with anymore.

Roles that aren't currently occupied need to be evaluated.

Best course of action is to form an ad hoc committee to go through the constitution and fix things.

Start proposing changes to meeting.

Each member can suggest changes to position.

Howard

Asking if we want him to resign.

Update the hilariously old poster board.

Finances

No annual report of finances.

Need to fundraise to improve funding. Proposal put forward for SGPS.

Fundraising open to professors.

Have graduate students attend. Get a share of the money.

Meeting in the Summer

We should still host meetings in the summer.

Graduate Research Day:

Cale to talk to Sarah Yakimowski. Claire, Cale, and Andrew to help.

-> Money going forward.

Staff Meeting Report

Staff Discouraging students to get involved events.

- Want to talk to staff about discouragement

Summary

Let's try to boost positivity for the department. We can only do what we can.

Monthly Cross-Disciplinary Science Discussions:

Perhaps we can make it work. Whatever is a hot topic is science.

Next Meeting Priorities:

Public forum for amendments

Committee members propose improvements to position descriptions.

We need to make all the amendments to the constitution.

Get environmental science students on the email list serve.

Consider combining social and sports coordinators

Pie your profs fundraiser???

Update posters on the 3rd and 4th floor.

Locate transition reports.