

Biology Graduate Student Council - Meeting Minutes

November 12th, 2018

- I. Approval of the agenda for November 12th, 2018
 - a. Approved by Lily, seconded by Mike
- II. Approval of the minutes from October 29th, 2018
 - a. Approved by Katie, seconded by Danielle
- III. Update from Social Coordinators - Recap of Elbow Lake Retreat and Halloween Pancakes (2 minutes)
 - a. Elbow Lake
 - i. Successful, \$30 per person
 - ii. Total food expenses \$100 plus cabins
 - iii. Good turnout for potluck contributions
 - b. Halloween pancakes
 - i. Made \$46, successful
- IV. Update from Social Coordinators - Holiday Party (2 minutes)
 - a. Intramurals
 - i. Sign ups for winter: Wednesday Nov 14th
 - ii. Dodgeball, and maybe also volleyball
 - iii. Poll will be on facebook page
 - b. Holiday Party
 - i. Booking confirmed - private downstairs area with dance floor, seating area, and bar
 - ii. Can't bring in outside food, were given selection of party platter items
 - iii. Should end up being cheaper than last year (University Club)
 - iv. Will ask for \$750 from bursary - maybe get some more departmental support
 - v. Date: Thurs Dec 13th, ~7-11pm
- V. Update from Academic Coordinator - Standardized TA Evaluations, Teaching Dossier Workshop, and Succulent Sale (2 minutes)
 - a. TA feedback
 - i. Currently writing report for Grad Committee; don't meet regularly (can coordinate with Katie)
 - ii. Collecting feedback from various courses
 - iii. Platform 2Fast???
 - iv. Should be done by December and ready for Winter semester
 - b. Teaching Dossier workshop
 - i. Ask Jackie to present hers?
 - ii. Still set for January
 - c. Succulent sale
 - i. Have quotes, still need to arrange with the two campus conservation societies
 - ii. Valentine's Day?
- VI. Committee Representative Updates
 - a. Union Representative
 - i. Update from Steward's Meeting
 1. No new meetings
 2. International Students Committee

3. No agreement so far on RA definition
- b. Faculty and RTP Representatives
 - i. Update from Staff Meeting
 1. No new meetings; recap from last meeting: international tuition waivers, graduate recruitment issues
 - ii. Update from Systems Biology Hire
 1. Nicole Templeman
 - a. Seminar Nov 13th 9:30am (Biosciences 1103)
 - b. Lunch Nov 13th 11am
- c. SGPS Representatives
 - i. Upcoming meeting
 1. Mike will bring up contacting relevant departments for events: e.g. greenhouse event, and inquire about restructuring
 - ii. Update for Assassins (with Lily!)
 1. Decent turnout, deadline is today, will be ~80 for Holiday Party
 2. Game starts tomorrow Nov 13th
 3. Prof sponsorships of students?
- d. Alumni and Graduate Committee Representative
 - i. Update for Careers Workshop
 1. Immediately follows undergraduate career workshop
 2. Advertising is in the works
 - ii. Update from BEERS Committee
 1. Previous BEERS was Cane Toads documentary - successful
 2. Next BEERS (Nov 14th) - Brody
 3. Need to recruit for next semester, encourage lab mates and friends (especially MCIB)
 4. Maybe a CIDERS-only night to encourage MCIB participation?
- e. QUBS Representative
 - i. No updates from Sonia
 - ii. Newsletter recently released and was shared on facebook page
 1. Highlights: birdhouse building workshop (December)

