

BGSC Exec Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2019

1. Motion to accept the agenda.
 - a. Hayden, Mike seconds
2. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs - Welcome to the council. Please send your pictures to Nell so she can update the BGSC webpage.
 - b. Update on elbow lake retreat - any suggestions for next year?
 - i. Successful trip!
 - ii. R will update ASAP with cost
 - iii. Make it longer next time? Leave later on Sunday? Two nights?
 1. Cost would be higher for two nights
 - iv. We will book ASAP for next year
 - c. Does anyone have any questions about your positions?
3. Update from representatives:
 - a. QUBS -
 - i. Matt missed first meeting but doesn't seem to be any updates anyway
 - b. Faculty and Staff -
 - i. First meeting in a couple weeks
 - c. Graduate Committee -
 - i. Bran will provide amended Guide ASAP
 - ii. Waiting from Katie for updates
 - d. Union -
 - i. Contracts issues & expectations beyond thesis being discussed
 - ii. Biology is mostly only TA/RA contracts shouldn't be an issue
 - e. SGPS -
 - i. Previous meeting updates:
 1. Seminars in Oct/Decs for international students
 2. Feb - Beyond Boundaries conference - Mike will update with more info
 3. Alcohol policy for orientation - putting forward resolutions to make all orientation events to be completely dry. Mike will update
 4. Opt-out options for fees - deadline is end of Sept. Don't forget to support grad club!
 - a. If you opt out of SGPS fees, you cannot join SGPS-related clubs/committees/groups
 - b. Mike may send out an email to students so everyone is aware (I hear Mike is super cool)
 - f. RTPs - Hiring committee update
 - i. 101 applicants reduced to 14
 - ii. Long list sent out to faculty

- iii. Biggest concern for graduate students is seminar attendance (job talks) - start second week of Oct and will continue every week following on Tuesdays
 - iv. Lunch will be only for graduate students (following seminar)
 - v. Recommended that students go to all of the lunches if they go to one so they can compare candidates. Free lunch & good opportunity to get to know early career researchers
 - vi. Kristen will meet with Brian re next hire next week
- 4. Update from Social coordinators - Intramurals, BEERS and CIDERS, and more
 - a. Frisbee - going great so far
 - b. BEERS and CIDERS - room booked for Weds, Cale is speaking. Riley will send out reminder to students soon. Anyone interested in talking or who has any ideas let Riley know!
 - i. As a reminder, previous talks have been Stories from the Field, EEB/MCIB talk switch, and lots of other cool interesting talks
 - ii. Riley plans on repeating the swap talk this year (maybe two weeks from now?)
- 5. Update from Academic -
 - a. Hayden has talked to Dan and Joanne and still waiting for updates re TA evaluation forms, but should be pretty close to being done
 - b. CTL seminar this year for TA-related stuff?
 - c. Other suggestions for talks or seminars that could be useful?
 - i. Conflict resolution with students
 - ii. Last year we had writing workshop which was good
 - iii. Need to give specific instructions
- 6. BGRS update -
 - a. None because Coco is not here
- 7. Google drive access - Cale will provide ASAP. this has past meetings/agendas/other useful documents. Also includes position-specific docs etc
- 8. Today's special project - Brainstorming. What events, both social and academic, do we want to plan this term? We have over two months until the Holiday Party so we need ideas for small events to host in October and November.
 - a. Previous events to repeat
 - i. Pancake breakfast
 - ii. Margarita party
 - iii. Assassins
 - iv. Group escape room
 - v. Friendsgiving potluck
 - b. New ideas:
 - i. Pumpkin picking/carving
 - ii. Hike at Rock Dunder - although Outdoors Club, SGPS has already planned some. Alternatively Charleston or Frontenac
 - iii. Halloween costume competition/spooktober extravaganza

- iv. Corn maze
- v. Laser tag
- vi. Pool night at Grizz or Raxx
- vii. Tie-dye
- viii. Musiki or Toucan jazz nights
- ix. Ski/snowboard trip - next semester. Other Queens affiliated groups often hold these trips. Maybe Vermont, but can't be university sanctioned.
- x. D&D evening in February
- xi. Movie nights in EEB lounge, eg horror movies for Halloween
- c. Note these can be posted in FB group to invite people - don't need to be BGSC events
- d. Talk to Riley and Ryan about more ideas... more to come!