

BGSC Open Meeting Minutes- November 4, 2019

1. Motion to approve agenda for November 4, 2019
 - a. Mike, Jenna
2. Motion to approve minutes from October 21, 2019
 - a. Coco, Ryan
3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs
 - i. International student representative position
 1. See notes from previous meeting
 2. Our rep (1) - preference to actual international biology graduate. Rep will report between SGPS and BGSC in regards to international students issues, etc.
 3. We will formally create this position, vote on it, and add it to constitution
 4. Next step is to advertise to recruit for this position ASAP and we will vote them in
 - ii. Graduate Student bulletin boards
 1. We are creating bulletin boards to showcase student research, social events, etc. One on 3rd and 4th floors
 2. Ideas to post:
 - a. Papers or pre-prints
 - b. Photos (in the field, lab, at events, etc.)
 - c. Graph of the month (Look at this graph)
4. Updates from representatives:
 - a. QUBS - None (Correct)
 - i. Meeting is tomorrow!
 - b. Faculty and Staff - Meeting updates
 - i. Arts and Science dean visited - new report re funding for department. Switched from enrollment to performance based metrics.
 - ii. More climate change focus in courses
 - iii. More graduate recruitment from our undergraduates (apparently Queen's does not have a competitive funding package but we think otherwise)
 - iv. Biosciences will be cleaned (e.g. windows, etc. but not offices).
 - v. Biograd student info meeting - general intro to graduate school, presentations from graduate students. Looking for speakers!! Contact Lefebvre. Nov. 12th 6-8pm.
 1. 10 speakers, a few profs confirmed. Talk to Allen for details.
 2. Everyone welcome to attend even if not presenting!
 - vi. Updated Sexual Violence policy currently suspended until further notice. (see notes from last meeting)
 - c. Graduate Committee - no updates (meeting ASAP)

- d. Union - no updates
 - e. SGPS - no updates, apart from notes above
 - f. RTPs - 2 out of 5 candidates done
 - i. Lunches successful so far.
 - ii. Anyone welcome to send Rachel their opinions/feedback on the candidates at any time.
 - g. RTP next semester - first meeting
 - i. Ad is being constructed - final draft will be sent out to department ASAP.
 - ii. Jan 6th deadline (tentative)
 - iii. Equity Rep (non-voting) may be included for this
5. Update from Social coordinators - Intramurals, BEERS and CIDERS, Holiday party
- a. Frisbee team did not make it to the playoffs, but had a great semester!
 - b. Will have different intramural for Winter semester
 - c. Pancake breakfast successful! (raised some \$\$ for holiday party)
 - d. Holiday Party booked - will send out info ASAP and start planning in more detail
 - e. Halloween Party was very fun and successful
 - f. BEERS and CIDERS - Next one is this Wednesday
6. Update from Academic - TA evaluation forms, Joe Schwarcz talk
- a. Joe's talk on Jan 16th (we decided on cockroach talk last time)
 - b. TA evaluation forms has been confirmed by department and will be distributed to instructors ASAP
7. BGRS update -
- a. Second meeting - funding applications almost complete.
 - b. Date mostly confirmed for April 17th.
 - c. Have surplus of \$700 from last year.
8. Update from undergrad DSC
- a. Pizza with profs and grad students
 - b. Undergrad study room on 2nd floor
 - c. Nov 26th, but more info will be sent to biology grad students ASAP.
9. Today's special projects:
- a. Jenna: Email biograds asking for people to send us their papers/preprints to be posted on the bulletin boards, then join a bulletin board team
 - b. Ryan: Email department (biograds, pdfs, profs) letting them know the date and location of holiday party, then join a bulletin board team
 - c. Riley, Hayden, Jessie, Heather, Emilie, Matt, Mike, Kristen, Rachel, Nell: Clean off bulletin boards on 3rd and 4th floor (in two groups), hang up stuff we have for bulletin boards

- d. Coco - send off a biograds, biopdfs, profs, staff listserve to announce the date of the BGRS, then join a bulletin board team