

BGSC Open Meeting Agenda - December 2, 2019

1. Motion to approve agenda for December 2, 2019
 - a. Hayden, Coco
 2. Motion to approve minutes from November 18, 2019
 - a. Mike, Jenna
 3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs
 - i. International student representative position - Vote on position
 1. See description in google drive
 2. Unanimous vote - motion passed
 3. We will appoint a representative in January
4. Updates from representatives:
 - a. QUBS - Sonia will draft email and send it to biograds (re new outreach coordinator).
 - b. Faculty and Staff - recent meeting
 - i. Access to old theses - 1300 are printed, in locked office. Want to make a library for people to access.
 - ii. Teaching BIOL 103 at Castle next semester - contact Ken or Ian Chin-Sang.
 - iii. Grad Studies Info night - will repeat. But low attendance from council members
 - iv. Weekend Maintenance shutdowns once per year. First one mid/end April - complete shutoff. Stay tuned for updates re logistics
 - v. Katherine Peters just started (Davin's replacement)
 - vi. Renovations on 2nd floor will start soon
 - vii. Phytotron position (part-time) - still looking to fill
 - viii. Decluttering - is happening.
 - ix. Sexual violence policy on hold
 - x. Green initiatives - increasing recycling capacity - see emails from Paul Grogan. Contribute to list!
 - xi. Re-bidding contracts for Atrium - professors are pushing for more outlets on 1st floor - locally sourced, better range! Perhaps Tea Room?
 - xii. Cleaning still upcoming
 - xiii. Name change of exit seminars - no updates
 - c. Graduate Committee - no updates
 - d. Union - RA/GRAF concerns
 - i. GRAF = contract to do work related to your thesis.
 - ii. Issue is some professors in some departments may be expecting work outside of thesis
 - iii. Number of RA contracts (ie work unrelated to thesis) decreasing in bio dept - Union is concerned re this

- iv. Can contact Heather and/or union if you have issues with contracts; can send out email to students inquiring as well.
 - e. SGPS - no updates - meeting next week
 - f. RTPs - Animal phys position / genetics position
 - i. Final meeting came to consensus - recommendation sent to dean!
 - ii. New genomics position ad is posted - applications due Jan 10th. Kristen will take over this position for next semester
5. Update from Social coordinators - Final BEERS and CIDERS, Holiday Party, and other activities
- a. BEERS/CIDERS next Wednesday in EEB lounge - documentary viewing
 - b. Holiday party posters are up. Food order is in.
 - c. Prizes for Holiday Party:
 - i. Door Decorating (20\$ Grad club)
 - ii. Bingo (15\$ Tim's Card)
 - iii. Holiday Sweater (10\$ Tim's Card)
6. Update from Academic - eval forms have been sent out.
7. BGRS update - first funding application (\$500) set up. Final two will be sent out ASAP. next meeting Weds.
8. Today's special projects:
- a. Team 1 (Cale, Regan, Ryan): Put together SGPS grant proposal for the Holiday party
 - b. Team 2 (Bingo): Put together bingo sheet for Holiday party (or find last years).
 - i. 24 questions/interesting facts/etc. Where people have to find someone who has done that and get them to sign off
 - ii. Get the sheets printed (~30-40)
 - c. Team 3 (Door Decorating): Determine the rules/parameters (best overall, most science related, etc) for the door decorating contest and send out list-serv with details
 - i. When the judging date (likely Wednesday Dec. 11th) will be
 - ii. Who will take submissions/tally the results
 - iii. Who will send out the email the day of, about what labs are participating and their location (maybe put together a printable score sheet to go along with the email).
 - d. Sober volunteers - free ticket! (SGPS requirement) Will send out email.

Other things?