

BGSC Open Meeting Agenda - June 8, 2020

1. Motion to approve agenda for June 8, 2020
 - Ryan, seconded by Hayden
2. Motion to approve minutes from May 25, 2020
 - Hayden, seconded by Heather
3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs
 - i. Recap of discussion held on zoom on June 3, 2020 re: racism and police brutality events
 - ii. Actions we are working on regarding racism issues for the department
 1. Diverse speakers for seminar series
 2. Speaker to discuss racism in academia and science
 3. Anti-racism training from human rights office
 4. Letter to faculty being written
 5. Affirmative action plan for department grad recruitment, update website
 6. Outreach to local public schools to promote diversity in STEM
 7. Book club
 - iii. Remote orientation plans
 1. Two truths and a lie icebreaker activity
 2. Go to park for in person social distanced event
 3. Q&A
 4. Online game night - jackbox, catan, some kind of tournament, online werewolf, poker
 - iv. New slack channel for biograds
 1. Virtual corkboard for grad achievements
 - v. Introducing an EDI rep for BGSC - we need 10 signatures from all biology graduates (will collect via email after meeting), and then will vote this position in at the next BGSC meeting
 1. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Representative (1 representative, possibly two)
 - a. Attends and represents the Society's concerns at Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) committee meetings, and is entrusted with a full vote on behalf of the Society
 - b. Receives equity training from the Department of Biology and/or Human Rights and Equity Office
 - c. Promotes equitable practices and diversity/inclusion initiatives within the department, both professionally and interpersonally

BGSC bank account closed - now have internal account

4. Updates from representatives:

- a. QUBS - online seminars every two weeks, bird of the week public online outreach
 - b. Faculty and Staff - cancelled weekly meetings, meetings happening with need basis, phytotron will have a scheduling system, wondering if this semester will count towards our degrees, Eckert + Lefebvre moved for funding extensions for overtime students, motion will be introduced on Thursday. Harsh - provost of marketing - still semi-case by case basis for extensions, but will just need confirmation from supervisor. Jenna - Eckert + faculty against case by case, for blanket extension. Cale - NSERC isn't extending ubiquitously - must be affected by COVID and not getting CESB. Regan - case by case basis would be supervisor dependent
 - i. Jenna is defending next week - will need replacement
 - c. Alumni/Graduate Committee - seminar series update, Tuesday afternoon, Josh confirmed for June 16th, 3 PM
 - d. SGPS - reps not present, no meeting
 - e. RTPs - nothing
 - f. International - POC have made facebook group - bipoc at Queen's, need invite
 - g. Union - Q&A session Wednesday 11 AM - fall semester, university's plans
5. Update from Social coordinators -
- a. Virtual BEERS and CIDERS - Beers next wednesday - Nell: biology of skin care
 - b. Racism book/reading club
6. Update from Academic - adapting evaluation forms to online semester, waiting to hear back on copyright issues
7. BGRS update - No in person BGRS, will send form to members for if it'll be online this week