

BGSC Exec Meeting Agenda - January 11, 2021

1. Motion to approve agenda for Jan 11, 2021
 - a. Emma, Hana
2. Motion to approve minutes from Nov 30, 2020
 - a. Sam, Hayden
3. Updates
 - a. Update from co-chairs (Regan & Nell)
 - i. Hope everyone had a mostly relaxing break
 - ii. Department applied for a Queen's National Scholar position in Black studies joint with Dept of Global Development Studies in Ethnobiology of African or Afro-diaspora contexts
4. Updates from representatives:
 - a. QUBS (Adam) - No updates
 - b. Faculty and RTP (Hana) - No updates
 - i. First faculty meeting 25th Jan
 - c. Alumni/Graduate Committee (Jessie) - No updates
 - i. Potentially a rotating lab schedule - many profs argued against it on funding level, and timing - not having enough time to finish masters if rotating through. Also finding ways to recruit more equity seeking groups for grad level. Vague discussion, no clear recommendations
 - d. SGPS (Emilie & Chloe) - No updates
 - e. International (Harsha & Peiwen) - No updates
 - f. Union (Heather) -
 - i. Bursaries went live today, should have been an email sent out about that, Heather will send biograds an email tomorrow
 - g. EDI (Sam & Kristen) -
 - i. Town Hall today, the feedback form about what you'd like to see the equity committee focusing on still live for next two days if you'd like to give feedback
 - ii. Upcoming events in the works
 1. Picture a Scientist screening and discussion
 2. Microaggression training upcoming
 - iii. TAships specific to EDI work - these have been approved, might be too late to work on course material for this semester, hopefully for next fall
 - iv. Adding EDII share to Biology executive so that EDII issues addressed at higher level in dept
 - v. Outdoors subcommittee meeting will be set up, and another meeting about funding

- vi. Sam and Kristen will send out an update with summary of town hall and responses in next few weeks
 - h. Undergrads (Danica) - No updates
- 5. Update from Social coordinators (Ryan & Emma) -
 - a. Had talent show before we left for break, looking to start up trivia soon in the next few weeks
 - b. Outdoor ideas
 - i. Maybe renting x-country ski or snowshoe equipment, feeding chickadees at Lemoine point
 - ii. Birding on Amherst Island - owl watching
 - c. Maybe some indoor events too - e.g. paint nights, cookie decorating
- 6. Update from Academic (Hayden) - No updates
- 7. BGRS update (Allen) - fundraising complete - \$4000 in grants
 - a. QUBS suggested this speaker:
<https://nas.unm.edu/people/faculty/cajete-gregory.html>
 - b. Ideally get a First Nations scholar
- 8. Discussion
 - a. Planning for this semester: any suggestions on events or ways we can better support grad students through this
 - i. Anonymous compliments or thank yous
 - ii. Newsletter that goes out once a month with snaps for people
 - 1. Email Nell or Regan to join a newsletter subcommittee
 - 2. Advice column? Meme of the month? Aim to celebrate student accomplishments, highlight social events that have happened in the summer, could be funny
 - iii. Valentine's Day candygrams
 - b. Online writing workshop (SASS) & retreat/boot camp for students trying to write?
 - i. Hayden and Claire working on this