

BioGSA Meeting

Date: 10 Dec 2020

Location: Zoom

		Discussion/Future Action
Special business		<p>Movie at Star Cinema Grill on Dec. 12. Private auditorium rental.</p> <p>Ashley Hudson is the grad. student representative on the new dept. chair search committee (see below for new section with full updates)</p>
Reports	President/Vice President (Amy & Aldrin)	Speakers were invited for the Feb. 9 Dept. Seminar. Brie Myre (MacKenzie lab) and Runshi Xie (Qin lab) will present.
	Treasurer (Terrence)	n/a
	Fundraising Rep (Sara)	Merchandise sales are moving slowly but we are close to breaking even on money spent to purchase the merchandise.
	GPC (Aditi)	(absent)
	Faculty meeting Rep (Marko)	No student concerns; will remind faculty of the ongoing donation collection for the pocket pantry.
	GPSG senators (Kasuni, Jorden)	n/a
	SPRC (Maureen, Valerie)	n/a

	GRAC (Andrea)	Heath Blackmon is the new head of GRAC. Whether recruiting will be virtual or in-person is still being considered. Bio. Dept. is not yet involved but there are tentative plans/ proposals for a joint, multi-dept. symposium (similar to last year); that would likely be an in-person event held as late as May.
	College of Science Committee Rep (Kristen)	Marketplace and Venmo have been the primary sources of collecting donations. Total of over \$1400 donated so far.
	Dept. Chair Search Committee Rep (Ashley)	Paul Hardin is committee chair. Committee has already met to discuss and start writing the ad - both internal and external applicants will be considered. Aim to have a pool of 12 strong applicants to interview. Final interviews, especially, will be conducted in person so that the candidate can meet with groups representing dept. faculty, staff, grad students, and undergrads. The final stages of the search will likely begin in late spring.
Old Business		
New Business		
Next Meeting	TBD	(Next meeting on usual schedule will be Feb. 11, 2021)