

BioGSA Meeting

Date: 12 Nov 2020
Location: Butler 103

		Discussion/Future Action
Special business		Dec. 12 event - movie at Star Cinema. Renting a private auditorium (seats up to 50 with room for social distancing). More details to come about time and movie choice. Star Cinema needs a head count so we will need RSVPs from students.
Reports	President/Vice President (Amy & Aldrin)	Tuesday dept seminar speakers - Feb. 9 For spring semester, we will try voting on speakers without an abstract submission process (due to consistently low numbers of abstracts received). Jennifer provided a list of eligible speakers (4th year and up, in good standing; post docs with over 1 year in the dept). Students that recently gave a talk for SPRC or a dept. seminar talk were removed and the officers will then vote based on a list of the most senior students in the dept. Each officer will have two votes.
	Treasurer (Terrence)	(absent)
	Fundraising Rep (Sara)	Marketplace store is nearly ready to list products. Sales will be open to Bio Dept personnel with special code until Nov. 22. After that, store will be open for general sale. Adding donation link for Pocket Pantry.
	GPC (Aditi)	n/a
	Faculty meeting Rep (Marko)	(absent - no student questions/concerns were received)
	GPSG senators (Kasuni, Jordan)	Resolution has been passed to address higher ups about changing whether failing grades stay on transcripts. Currently, C grades remain on transcripts, even if student has retaken the course and gotten a higher grade (potentially lowering GPA). GPSG is asking that successful passing grades on a retake replace older grades in the course.

	SPRC (Maureen, Valerie)	n/a
	GRAC (Andrea)	(absent)
	College of Science Committee Rep (Kristen)	Pocket Pantry is ready to start collecting monetary donations. Kristen is finalizing poster and last details of how we will collect donations; should be sent out soon. CoS will be updating webpage and also linking all GSAs. Student reps were asked what depts have been doing to stay connected to students and check on mental health. Dr. Zoran would also like to know if there is anything else students feel departments/CoS could be doing; Kristen will be contacting students to collect any responses.
Old Business		n/a
New Business		
Next Meeting	Dec. 11, 2020	