

# BioGSA Meeting Minutes

Date: 9 September 2021

Location: Butler 103

		Discussion/Future Action
<b>Special Business</b>	New grad student advisor	-Dr. Blackmon briefly spoke about his new position as graduate student advisor.
	Biology social media	-Ashley Tucker and Maureen Hayden run the TAMU biology social media. Met with Ash and discussed ways to highlight the biology department. Will be in touch with her throughout the year.
<b>Reports</b>	President/Vice President (Sara N.M. & Valerie)	-Graduate student seminar is back up and will meet every week on Fridays at 4pm in HELD 105. The first one is Friday, Sept 10. Kristen Consalvo will be presenting. We'll alternate weeks between a graduate student presentation and a professional development panel. Ask for ideas about people to invite and/or subjects of interest for the professional development panels.
	Treasurer (Sara A.M.)	-Paperwork for the Aug 13 social has gone through.
	Fundraising Rep (Morgan)	-GSA vests are still back ordered. Morgan will reach out to CC Creations to follow up. -T-shirt design submission has closed, voting will open soon. -We may also sell merch other than shirts: sweatshirts, lanyards, travel mugs, stickers. Still being finalized.
	GPC (Aditi)	-Some new officers are being chosen.
	Faculty meeting Rep (Marko)	-Will reach out to Lieu to get a schedule for faculty meetings.
	GPSG senators (Jorden, Aishwarya)	-GPSG has doubled the travel award money, and individual awards are back up to \$750. People are encouraged to apply since there weren't many last year. -Sept. 24 blood drive. -Biology may help with 3 Minute Thesis. -GPSG is planning interdisciplinary dinners. -Jorden and/or Aishwarya will send out an email with more details.

	SPRC (Maureen, Prakruthi)	-Abstract submission has closed. There are approximately 60 submissions. The committee will vote on who will give talks and datablitzes at their next meeting, Friday September 10. -The keynote speaker will be officially invited to speak at SPRC. -Encourage faculty to sign up to be judges. -Maureen is working on creating and organizing volunteer tasks and sign up. Reminder that volunteering for events like this are part of the travel award criteria. -Post-SPRC dinner/social is still TBD.
	GRAC (Jenna)	n/a
	College of Science Dean's Grad Student Council Rep (Kristen)	n/a
<b>Old Business</b>		Friday Aug 13 social with snacks, drawing, and movie went well. Approximately 50 people.
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>		TBD