

BioGSA Meeting Minutes

Date: 3 Feb. 2022

Location: Virtual

		Discussion/Future Action
Special Business		Recruiting is next week.
Reports	President/Vice President (Sara N.M. & Valerie)	-Need to find one more speaker for the dept seminar on March 8 th . If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, let us know. -Grad student seminar is taking place this semester on Fridays, 12pm – 1pm in BSBW 025. First seminar is Friday 4 Feb. a welcome social. The next seminar, 11 Feb, is moved to HELD 107 for more room because recruits will also be attending the seminar. -Send in any recommendations for invited speakers.
	Treasurer (Sara A.M.)	-Sweatshirts are paid for. Still waiting for t-shirt invoice.
	Fundraising Rep (Morgan)	-Sweatshirts are in and will be distributed next week, Mon – Wed. -Still waiting on t-shirts. There were some issues with color availability so some shirts were changed to black. We will be sure to work with people if this is an issue. -Have sold out of the previous year's t-shirt (come and take it). Still have a few jackets left and many koozies and decals. -Completed training for the new Marketplace store. It is more user-friendly.
	Graduate Programs Committee (GPC) Rep (Adivi)	-No further updates. Some alternate specialization courses were approved to fit with degree plan for specific students at the beginning of the semester.
	Faculty Meeting Rep (Marko)	-There is still student concern about available funding for students whose graduation has been pushed back due to COVID. Dr. Keene is currently in touch with the College of Science to discuss possible funding sources. Until a final decision has been made, it is recommended to talk to Dr. Keene on an individual basis.
	Graduate & Professional School Government (GPSG) Senators	-Several GPSG events coming up: the pathway symposium (3 – 4 March), Grad student appreciation week (4- 8 Apr). -Will send an email to the student body with more details.

	(Jordan, Aishwarya)	
	Student & Post-doc Research Conference (SPRC) Reps (Maureen, Prakruthi)	-No updates regarding SPRC -Were able to help get more volunteers to present posters at the recruiting event.
	Graduate Recruiting & Admissions Committee (GRAC) Rep (Jenna)	-Recruiting is next week. - <u>Volunteers are needed!</u> - Set up at Dr. Sachs' house Friday evening. Escorting recruits around Saturday morning. Still have 9 empty poster slots. -Recruits arrive Thursday Feb 10th and leave Sunday Feb 13th. Mentors are responsible for escorting recruits around campus and to interviews. -Dinner at Dr. Sach's house is Friday, Feb 11 th , 6pm -The recruiting event is Saturday, Feb 12 th , 2:30 – 8:30 pm. -See emails from Jenna and Jennifer for more details.
	College of Science Dean's Grad Student Council Rep (Kristen)	-No updates. -Kristen and Sara met after the meeting to discuss possible future actions in regards to the lack of meetings.
Old Business		
New Business		-Focus on the dean's grad student council and see if meetings can start again.
Next Meeting	10 March 2022. 11:30-12:30. BSBW 025.	Will discuss spring fundraising event, spring social, and travel award criteria. Also start compiling lists of duties for elections in April.