

Meeting minutes for: July 10th, 2018

Updates from the General Assembly

Sarah opened by announcing that one of the students from the Explorations in Neuroscience camp expressed interested in the NGSO doing a panel discussion at her school. She goes to Dublin Jerome High School and is hoping for a group of students to come sometime in September at 2:45pm to discuss grad school and careers in science.

Updates from the Student Reps

Soon, an online portal will be on the NGSO website for NGP students to give feedback about the program. If a comment from the portal is pertinent to group, it may be discussed further in a NGSO meeting.

Updates from the Executive Board

We voted to amend the constitution to keep the web development chair, but get rid of the web development committee. We also voted to amend the constitution to change the executive board requirements. Now, any NGP student can run for vice president, treasurer, secretary, and/or chair position. The president nominees must be post-candidacy and have at least one year remaining.

Jess: Keri would like the NGP students to make a “scavenger hunt” (it would be called something else) for incoming first years. The goal would be to introduce new students to places on campus to let them experience Buckeye culture. The overall consensus was not to do a scavenger hunt, and instead focus on organizing low key social events.

Liz- We got the invoice for the Amazing Race, which is currently being paid for through the NGSO funds.

Updates from the Committee Chairs

Social: The July happy hour will be on July 25th at 6pm. Kathryn will create a poll to determine the location.

Service & Outreach: N/A

Fundraising: N/A

Professional Development: N/A

Web development: N/A

New Executive Board Nominees

A poll to vote for new executive board member will be sent out in the upcoming weeks. The nominations were as follows:

President: Liz, Damon

VP: Sarah, Zoe

Treasurer/Fundraising: Kyle

Secretary: Kia

Social chair: Zoe

Professional development: Josh, Ben S.

Web development: Shane

Community service: Josh, Nicki, Kia

Curriculum committee

The curriculum committee meeting will be on Monday, July 16th. We will discuss potential changes to the future curriculum with faculty. There was a lengthy discussion about different opinions on courses, but I summarized the main conclusions below.

The student reps will start the discussion and address main talking points, then give students and faculty time to voice opinions.

Wednesday seminar: As a group, we would like to get rid of the journal club portion, but keep 2nd and 3rd year student talks. To replace journal club, we believe student and faculty run technique talks would be more valuable. For example, a faculty or senior level student could give a 1-hour lecture on microscopy. The lecture could include an overall description, how it works, and applications to various experiments.

Neurobiology of disease: The faculty may have already decided to get rid of this class. In its place would be either a statistics or grant writing class, or both. There are already multiple stats classes offered on campus, so students could choose one that is applicable to their research.

Foundations 2: The first half of the class involving neuroanatomy is structured and useful, but the second half seems less organized. We would like better communication with faculty to improve content of the lectures.

Concluding Remarks & Next Meeting Date

We all would like to thank Jess for establishing the NGSO with Chris, and being a great president. You will be missed, but we are excited to see who takes the reigns next. Also, thank you to the other exec board members for your time and commitment to improving this organization. With that, I am VERY excited to announce Kia as the new secretary of the NGSO! Congrats, Kia. 😊

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 1.