

Meeting minutes for: August 1st, 2018

Updates from the General Assembly and Student Reps

Student Representatives: • The curriculum committee meeting last July was a success! The faculty and students that attended spoke at length about changing the seminar class to get rid of the journal club presentations and replace those with workshops that will cover a variety of topics. It was discussed that the first workshop may be a “how to give a successful presentation” workshop and other possible topics include “advanced microscopy”, “single-cell RNA-sequencing”, “grant writing”, and more! If you have a specific topic that you really want to request, send an e-mail to Ben Noble or Kyle Sullivan and they will make sure to communicate that to the faculty organizing the talks. Student rotation and research presentations are still required in the course, and all of these changes must be voted on for approval. • They also discussed refocusing the second foundations of neuroscience course to meet its originally intended goals. • Everyone agrees that neurobiology of disease should not be a required course, and it most likely will no longer be a requirement in the coming years. Instead students will be required to take one statistic and one elective course. They will not be making an NGP specific stats course, they will provide a list of the available stats courses that meet the requirement, as well as a list of the available electives. Again, these changes must be voted on and approved before they will take effect.

Updates from the Executive Board

The meeting opened with Jess announcing the new NGSO executive board and committee chairs for the 2019-2020 academic year.

- President: Elizabeth (Liz) Stone
- Vice president: Sarah Light
- Treasurer/Fundraising chair: Kyle Sullivan
- Secretary: Kia Adams
- Social chair: Zoe Tapp
- Web development chair: Shane O’Neil
- Community service chair: Josh Reiskamp
- Professional development chair: Ben Seicol

President: Liz and Sarah worked on a reformatting of the presentation form for the year-long seminar course that she is working on revising based on feedback she received. She plans to send this to Keri for approval after the revisions are done and hopes this will make the presentation feedback more useful. She called on the committee chairs to set goals for themselves for the year and bring those to the next NGSO meeting for discussion.

Vice president: Sarah was out of town for a conference, so there were no VP updates this meeting.

Treasurer: Kyle intends to get the account information from Liz regarding banking and complete the treasurer training. He mentioned possibly trying to get operational funds from the university to buy some administrative supplies (envelopes, etc) after Liz suggested it.

Secretary: I made a small adjustment to this template to include a space for the student reps. Let me know if you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding the minutes and I will make adjustments/corrections as necessary.

Updates from the Committee Chairs

Social: Zoe intends to meet with the previous social chair, Kathryn Madalena, to learn the ropes in planning happy hours and other social events. She talked briefly about planning an August happy hour, but the group decided that there are already a lot of social activities associated with the incoming student orientation. In the end it was decided to have a happy hour with the incoming students on August 22nd after the first seminar class! **Upcoming events:**

- IGP ice cream social: Outside of BRT or in the lobby. **August 14th, 5pm.**
- IGP softball tournament: Beekman Park. **August 18th, 1-6pm.** If interested, sign up to play or support here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xVe2DKKAcHJudfpPRDIbuOmrRLCeMOIFvkLTfy_EPvw/edit#gid=1961804306
- Board game night: Scharer room, Ohio Union. **August 15th, 5-8pm.**

She also intends to use the NGSO listserv to ensure that everybody who wants to be in the groupme is in the chat. She will also routinely make sure the people included on the NGSO listserv is updated, as well as the groupme.

Service & Outreach: The community service chair is a new addition to the board. Josh is very enthusiastic about working with the fundraising chair/treasurer, Kyle, to do philanthropy in addition to the community service events established in the past. He requests that if anybody hears of any cool or exciting opportunities to let him know! **Upcoming events:**

- N.E.U.R.O. library event: Science outreach at Columbus Metropolitan Library branches around the city. This is a monthly event at several different libraries around town. If interested in getting involved, sign up here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1epxjNhAcRgaEYmxEmBbkAQC3e2t8VrZkt4Y8Av9npjjs/edit#gid=0>
- More to come!

Fundraising: Kyle talked about organizing the IGP softball tournament because some of the NGSO funds will be used to go towards drinks and pizza. Previous treasurer, Liz will give Kyle the information regarding the t-shirt fundraiser. No fundraising events are scheduled yet but stay tuned!

Professional Development: Ben wants to talk to the previous professional development chair, Kyle, about his experience in the position. He contemplated trying to add workshops for professional development into the newly opened workshop time in the year-long seminar course (see student rep update from the curriculum meeting for context!) It was decided that would not be necessary as those workshops are more intended for learning advanced techniques and working on presentation skill, etc. No events are planned yet for this, but there will be more to come!

Web development: Shane will meet with the previous web development chair, Sarah, in order to get updated on current progress with the duties related to this chair.

Concluding Remarks & Next Meeting Date

Remember the annual retreat at **Scioto Audobon Metro Park** on **September 26th, 2018**. Attendance by NGP students is mandatory.

Next meeting date: September 12th, 5pm. Same room as the seminar class.