

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

The meeting opened with discussions about recruitment. Keri would like to remind everyone another 11 students are coming on February 23rd for a small second recruitment. Students will be needed for research presentations, escorting prospective students, lunch, and dinner.

As far as the main recruitment event, positive feedback and criticisms were discussed. For food, Juniper was a hit because it allowed for more connection with students, but Bareburger was a letdown due to the small tables and not a good ratio of current student to recruits. Maybe next year we could have smaller tables and do a speed-dating style where the current students change table. Also, next year there should be a lunch provided on the last day for one last chance to talk with students and so they are not sent off to the airport starving.

Other praises include elimination of the facility tours, and the hotel location. Perhaps next year prospective students could rank which facilities they would like to see in a similar fashion to ranking PI meetings. Improvements for next year include making the faculty meetings longer and allowing for more breaks to eliminate students rushing when meetings go long. Finally, we should develop new strategies for faculty to show up and engage with students. There are no real consequences if faculty don't attend recruitment events, so maybe next year we could make it mandatory for faculty to attend if they want to stay on the NGP faculty committee. Also, faculty tend to only talk to each other instead of the students, so we could have a few students act as matchmakers to stimulate conversation between groups.

The NGSO meeting followed:

An FYI- The resource room has lots of supplies for student organizations. As an organization, we have up to \$250 of credit for printing or getting balloons inflated. They also have board games that we could use.

Fundraising- Our net income was about \$1500 for year, and we would like to get to \$2000 to have a cushion. The T-shirt fundraiser raised \$162 so far, and it is still going! We also get operating funds from the university every year, which can go to buying a banner, supplies, or NGSO swag. The next fundraiser is February 22 at the Three-Legged Mare, so please come and bring your friends!

Social- The photos from formal are on the google drive account that Kathryn sent out. The photographer will be constantly updating them as she edits each one, so keep checking back. A 90s themed karaoke night on March 29th at Woody's was discussed, but a poll will be sent out to gauge interest.

Web development- Volunteers are needed for the Buckeyes raising awareness in neuroscience (BRAIN) 5k on March 31st at Beekman park. If people are interested, we could have a small group of volunteers to help out on race day and represent the

NGSO. Also, we are officially participating in the STEM expo at the beginning of March! This is a great opportunity for us to engage with students at a local high school. Sarah is in the process of filling out the paper work for us to attend. Finally, the student bio presentation that Sarah created for recruitment is going on the NGP and NGSO websites.

Thank you to everyone who stayed and provided feedback about recruitment, and thanks to everyone in NGSO for their hard work to improve our program!

Next meeting will be on March 7th.