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Ben was acting president at our last NGSO meeting since Jess was out sick. He claims it was “the most efficient meeting of all time” ...which was left up to debate.

Sarah would like to remind everyone that Brain Awareness Week is Wednesday, March 14 - Saturday, March 17th at COSI. Participation is mandatory for all NGP students, so please sign up.

The STEM Expo was a huge success! The kids were very excited to learn more about neuroscience, so we plan to make this a recurring event for the NGSO. Also, Kathryn knows a middle school teacher that mentioned a similar outreach opportunity in May that we could participate in. To expand our outreach to more ages, we would love to attend a high school career fair. If anyone knows a high school that has a career fair, or something similar, please let Sarah know.

A new NGP student rep is needed to replace Ben, who will be moving up to senior student rep. The only requirement is candidates must be post candidacy. The main responsibilities include planning and participation in recruitment and the IGP career day. The student reps also facilitate communication between faculty and students. Theoretically, the student reps collectively get one vote in faculty meetings.

Fundraising- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Three-Legged Mare for our last fundraiser! It was a lot of fun and we raised \$70 (every little bit helps!). Possible future fundraising ideas are setting up a March Madness bracket or attending an exercise class, like yoga or going to the Cycle Bar.

During the external review it was mentioned that the NGSO is mainly focused on social activities. In the future we hope to use fundraised money for something else, like a travel award or professional development. This will be discussed at the next meeting, so start brainstorming!

Social- Zoe filled in for Kathryn and discussed future social events, like another board game night, trivia, or team building activities. Team building may be a structured event at a facility, or a summer picnic at OSU with relay races and other games. More details to come.

Professional development: Kyle is working on contacting alumni to put together a list of careers from previous NGP students. Also, the website Versatile PhD is an excellent resource to explore future career paths. It is free through OSU and your account is confidential, so there is no harm in joining.

Web development- Sarah is continuing to work with Keri to restructure the official NGP website.

Next meeting will be April 11th.