

Meeting minutes for: March 20th, 2019

Updates from the General Assembly/Student Reps/CGS Delegate

- Kathryn Madalena visited the Wellness Fair and would like NGSO to become involved with the suicide prevention group. We discussed offering a workshop to become certified in suicide intervention. Kyle Sullivan seconded this, and discussed that Keri has brought this group up as well. This could potentially be incorporated into orientation. Faculty and students could be involved.
- Student Representative update – Kyle Sullivan discussed the changes to graduate student requirements that Ben Noble detailed in Wednesday Seminar. If there are any questions regarding these changes to requirements you can e-mail either of the student representatives or the program administrator. He also discussed Ohio State alumni that will be in attendance at IGP career day: Zoe Hesp (Medical Science Liaison), Luke Russel (Research Analyst). Tentative dates for recruitment and annual retreat were announced:
 - Recruitment: **January 15-17th, 2020**
 - Retreat: **September 5th, or 12th, 2019**. Volunteers needed.
- CGS update – Kyle Sullivan promoted the wellness fair. He will be stepping down as CGS delegate soon and is soliciting nominations for a replacement. Nominees can be pre- or post- candidacy. He strongly recommends this position!

Updates from the Executive Board

- Liz Stone (President)
 - Liz has read the constitution and would like to work on clarifying boundaries of duties between NGSO executive board members and CGS delegate/student representatives/committee members. Information like this should be incorporated in the NGSO brochure.
 - Liz announced that she is writing an amendment to the constitution to add NewN, the peer mentorship committee, as a standing committee and to update the election procedures. The election will be done online, like last year. Students must be post-candidacy to be nominated for president.
- Sarah Light (Vice President)
 - Reminder for Science Olympiad on **April 27th**. Sign up is on an independent volunteer basis. All shifts are for different tasks with different levels of commitment.
 - Sarah proposed creating an ad hoc committee to help plan the explorations of neuroscience summer camp that the department of neuroscience holds every summer in June of high school students. Ben Seicol was interested in being on this committee.
 - Sarah would like input on what students think would be helpful in terms of mental health resources to be added onto the website.
- Kyle (Treasurer)
 - No updates.

- Kia (Secretary)
 - No update
- Shane O'Neil (Web Development)
 - Working on reorganizing the website and removing some stuff. He wants to generate more traffic to the website. He proposes having a student in the NGSO help in updating the NGP website, but Sarah says there is a lot already in progress so this may not be necessary. Some students in attendance noted that prospective students at the interviews expressed frustration with out-of-date information on the website.
 - Shane mentioned that Keri is starting a website for seminars where there will be a calendar specifically showing seminars available across the NGP and the life sciences. It will be a weekly list serv.

Updates from the Committee Chairs

Liz Stone noted that the committee chair order on the agenda was rearranged to be in line with the constitution.

Social: Zoe Tapp

- After the committee meeting, laser tag as a potential event for the faculty student mixer was not well-received by faculty. Everyone was pro-bowling, so we will be having the event at AMF on sawmill around 3pm on April 26th ** **Amendment: There was a schedule conflict, date is yet to be determined.** Zoe has confirmed dietary restriction-friendly food and meal plan with the bowling alley.
- Zoe planned the April happy hour to be at **Condado Clintonville!**

Service & Outreach: Josh Rieskamp

- The high school students visiting will not be receiving a campus tour. Instead they are going on a virtual self-tour. Volunteers are still needed to sit on the panel on April 16th. Minor training on buckeyelearn is required.

Fundraising: Kyle Sullivan

- Wanted to sell neuroscience is dope-amine shirts at COSI and this was not an option. He wants to plan another fundraiser, like the torpedo room comedy show and/or a restaurant fundraiser. More information coming soon.

Professional Development: Ben Seicol

- No update

NewN: Shane O'Neil

- Peer mentorship program to pair first and second year students with incoming students. Topics covered between mentor and mentee include but are not limited to labs of interest, general hobbies, and living in Columbus.
- The goal of NewN is to bridge the gap between people in different labs on campus and help incoming students integrate comfortably into the program. Pairs will be made prior to students arrive in Columbus.

Thank you for reading! Next meeting: **April 17th, 2019** after seminar **at 5 PM.**