

Meeting minutes for: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Updates from the General Assembly/Student Reps/CGS Delegate

- There were no updates from the general assembly.
- The student representatives Ben Noble and Kyle Sullivan lead a discussion regarding recruitment 2018. The plans for the upcoming recruitment were discussed for feedback. Generally, the first two days will be the same as last year, with the hope that current students will place more emphasis on interacting with the recruits. Ideas to improve faculty talks in the second morning were discussed. The survey looking for faculty that are actively recruiting students has been sent to faculty by Keri Knowles. NGSO members in attendance were strongly in favor for keeping the second night mixer at Juniper, or a similar location, rather than at a faculty member's house. People also discussed having a final night set of activities that the recruits can optionally attend to further interact with current students in a relaxed setting.
- Kyle Sullivan, CGS delegate, relayed that the university is working to streamline the travel reimbursement process for graduate students to be more efficient and consistent across departments. In the interim, guides for requesting travel reimbursements will be made available when possible.

## Updates from the Executive Board

- Liz Stone (President)
  - NGSO Personal Finance Workshop: **Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, after seminar.** There will be pizza!
- Sarah Light (Vice President)
  - Another reminder to those who have successfully hosted NGSO events to submit documentation of how they put the events together.
  - Discussed putting these files into a shared google drive under password protection for future NGSO members and executive officers. Having an NGSO Gmail exclusively used for document storage could also help to consolidate future survey responses when surveys are sent through google.
  - Sarah would also like to establish an NGSO newsletter that highlights the accomplishments and progress of the NGSO. She is working on a mock up to show us what this could look like.
- Kyle (Treasurer)
  - No updates.
- Kia (Secretary)
  - No updates.

## Updates from the Committee Chairs

### **Social: Zoe Tapp**

- November Happy Hour: **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM** at **Gateway Pourhouse**. There will be trivia.
- NGP Cere-ball-um winter formal: **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00PM-12:00AM** at **Callahan's**. \$5/person. Plus ones welcome with purchase of ticket. Drink tickets and snacks provided. Payments accepted: Cash, venmo. Questions can be directed to Zoe.
- There will most likely be no December or January happy hour due to the busy season.
- Discussed beginning a women in science group, inspired by the established lean-in circle meetings for the Center for Brain and Spinal Cord Repair (CBSCR). People generally expressed interest, and more details are to come.
- Also discussed organizing NGSO sponsored hobby clubs. People also seemed interested in this and more details are to come.

### **Service & Outreach: Josh Rieskamp**

- Career panel at Dublin-Jerome High School was a success.
- Reminded NGSO members of the Undergraduate Talent Show on **November 15<sup>th</sup>** benefiting the buckeye food alliance.
- Discussed planning a brain bee and establishing a chapter at OSU. Megan was interested in being involved because of her experience in planning a brain bee in the past. Would need students to volunteer and faculty to assist in judging. Need to advertise to local schools to get 3+ schools involved.
- Interested in hosting a public lecture series to increase neuroscience outreach. Liz suggested going through an already established public lecture event because it is logistically easier. Examples: having faculty from the NGP apply to give a TedX talk or through the Columbus science pub.
- Josh would like to set up a social media presence for outreach. Liz suggested we could also take advantage of the CGS communication branch, which may or may not still be available.
- Suggested hosting career panels with the undergraduate neuroscience students. I e-mailed the undergraduate neuroscience advisor to work towards this. We need to emphasize advertising to undergraduate students to help increase attendance.

### **Fundraising: Kyle Sullivan**

- Thanked those who already signed up for the Christmas wrapping fundraiser at Barnes and Noble Easton. Still need more people to sign up for certain slots to cover the required 7 hour block. Emphasized the following dates:
  - **Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-11:30AM.**
  - **Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-6:30PM.**
  - **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00-11:30AM or 3:00-6:30PM.**

### **Professional Development: Ben Seicol**

- Discussed scheduling a workshop focused on how to search for post-doc positions. More details to come.

### **Web development: Shane O'Neil**

- No update

Thank you for reading! Next meeting: **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018** in **BRT (room TBA) at 4PM.**