

Wednesday, September 20th, 2017

Jess opened the meeting by showing everyone the new and improved constitution. It looks great and everyone voted to approve the constitution with the new updates.

The NGSO budget breakdown was discussed. As it stands right now, 50% is going to the winter formal and the rest of the money split up between the committees/other expenses that may come up.

Ben suggested that we should figure out how to make the seminar class on Wednesday afternoon more beneficial for everyone. Some suggestions were to present highlights of the seminar speakers' careers instead of just presenting one paper. For example, a group would give details about the speaker's academic achievements and present the main idea from a few high impact papers. Another idea was to have a biweekly class that only involves presentations from the graduate students. This would be supplemented with newsletters sent out the week before a speaker was coming. We plan to discuss ideas with Keri to see if any change can be implemented.

Updates from the committees were as follows:

Fundraising- The T-shirt fundraiser is still in progress but nothing is set in stone yet. Liz is planning a personal finance workshop for October 25th right after seminar. The workshop is optional and would provide information about managing a personal budget in grad school. Pizza will be provided!! Also, Josh is working on scheduling the torpedo room for a comedy night. NGSO would receive 100% of the entrance fees (\$5/person). More details to follow, but it could happen as soon as October.

Professional development- Kyle is working on creating a calendar that would give everyone information about seminars outside of the Neuroscience department. This calendar may be synced with the current calendar that displays all current NGP events: <http://u.osu.edu/ngso/events/>

Social- As mentioned, the winter formal will take about 50% of our budget for the year. If you haven't already, please fill out the formal survey Kathryn sent so we can determine the number of people interested in attending. Also, the October happy hour will take place after the NGP retreat on October 5th at the Old North Arcade.

Website- Sarah showed us the graphs she put together from the results from the housing survey. She is working on getting that information and links to bussing/parking information on our website before the next round of recruitment.

Thanks to everyone for all their hard work! The next meeting will be October 11th right after seminar. Keri will be there to talk about recruitment, so bring your ideas on what you think can be improve