

Meeting minutes for: June 15th, 2020

Updates from the General Assembly

- Neuroscience education, urban and rural outreach (N.E.U.R.O) is planning virtual fall events. Speak to Kia Adams (adams.2118), Becca Biltz (biltz.17), or Toni Stubbs (stubbs.89) for additional information. Remember to check the sign-up sheet **regularly** for future events, their descriptions, and details (Address, date, time): [N.E.U.R.O. Sign-Up](#)
- Congratulations to our new Junior Student Representative Abby Zalenski (zalenski.16)! Nicki Pukos (pukos.1; Senior Student Representative) and Abby are preparing for the faculty committee meeting on **Thursday 06/25/20 at 11am**.
 - This meeting will address issues of diversity within our graduate program. Students feel the statement without clear plans for actionable follow-up is performative and dismissing the needs of students from diverse backgrounds.
 - Students would like the Student Representatives to advocate for improved and more frequent diversity training for faculty, incorporation of the history of discrimination in academia and science in the Neuroethics course, and an actionable plan to address these issues.
 - In the upcoming election, we will propose to create a standing Diversity & Inclusion Committee that will create resources of support for students of diverse backgrounds. The first step of this committee is to draft a call to action to our faculty with detailed action steps that they can take and build on to address diversity issues in our program at the faculty and administrative level. **We would greatly appreciate YOUR input:** [D&I CalltoAction](#). Add comments, ideas, and edits before **Wednesday 06/24/20 at midnight** for consideration.

Updates from the Executive Board

- **Sarah Light (light.109; President)**
 - Elections are now. Send nominations for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, web development officer, social chair, fundraising chair, and professional development chair. NewN chair has already transitioned for this academic year to Rachel Gilfarb.
- **Josh Rieskamp (rieskamp.6; Vice President)**
 - No update.
- **Ben Seicol (seicol.1; Treasurer)**
 - No update.
- **Kia Adams (adams.2118; Secretary)**
 - Proposed amendment to change ad-hoc mental health advocacy committee into standing Diversity & Inclusion committee that will uphold the NGSO's non-discrimination policy and create resources to support students of diverse backgrounds
- **Jackie Anderson (Web Development):**
 - No update.

Updates from the Committee Chairs

- **Zoe Tapp (tapp.16; Social)**
 - No update.
- **Athena Howell (Howell.551; Fundraising)**
 - No update.
- **Ben Seicol (seicol.1; Professional Development)**
 - Suggests that faculty consider diversity in their hiring.
- **Rachel Gilfarb (gilfarb.1; NewN)**
 - Speaking with faculty, administrators, and student representatives to assist in incoming class communication.

Thank you for reading! **Next meeting date** is being voted on: [July Meeting Survey](#)