

Meeting minutes for: 9/16/2020

Updates from the General Assembly

Good news from NGSO: Athena published a paper (her first)!

Student rep update: Summary of committee meeting on 9/14: Want all faculty to take online trainings for DAI, looking into Kirwin institute trainings and making it mandatory. **This year's recruitment is virtual**, most likely with a rolling admission and interview schedule. Ideally, as soon as faculty get an application this year, they'll interview them and have more time to write the fellowship applications. Unsure how grad student participation will appear in recruitment this year but stay tuned for involvement and suggestions are welcome! Please email Abby Zalenski (zalenski.16@osu.edu) and Nicki Puckos (puckos.1@osu.edu). Originally talking about virtual annual retreat during 7887 seminar with a happy hour after, but it will now instead be in spring for more time to plan. Idea is that the retreat will be more of a "reunion" because it's the 30th year, and also proposed having a small career component. As for recruitment, the NGP website will be updated with virtual faculty talks. **The ethics course has also changed** - everyone is required to take it, typically over the summer 2nd or 3rd year (every other year). Now proposed to have everyone take it in their first year. **If you haven't taken it yet, you'll be taking it this year!**

CGS Update (no current delegate): **Please don't hesitate to apply to be our CGS delegate!** Grad school is currently considering eliminating spring break, which may or may not effect grad students, but concern about mental health impacts for no built in vacation time. Government affairs committee working on getting stuff rolling for election in November. **Best practice is to apply to absentee ballot and either mail back or drive it to board of elections and physically drop it off.** CGS is working to organize transportation for early voting in person. Could also possibly use that to drop off ballot. Would be amazing if we could have a delegate – bigger now, so hopefully there's someone interested. Feel free to email Sarah Light (light.109@osu.edu).

NEURO Update: NEURO is cooperating with the undergraduate group Cognitive Sciences Club to have a grad school panel within the Department of Psychology. NEURO will email people to volunteer and would ideally like 4-5 people and have at least 1 MD/PhD. PhD students interested in academia and non-academia. Some games transitioned to online options. Anyone interested in piloting games or contributing, please reach out to Kia Adams (adams.2118@osu.edu) to help.

Frontiers in Neuroscience Seminar Series: Please vote if you haven't and email Kia Adams (adams.2118@osu.edu) for any questions, comments, or concerns.

Updates from the Executive Board

President – Votes are in from the poll for NGSO meeting dates/times and most preferred after seminar still. Next meeting is **October 7** after seminar!

Vice President – NONE

Treasurer – NONE

Secretary – Continuing to work on ideas for website/social media to include accolades about students.

Web development: Sent out survey about the housing and transportation aspects and graphs to go up on website. Please email Sam Houle (houle.26@osu.edu) with any suggestions or ideas!

Updates from the Committee Chairs

Social: Held a trivia happy hour on 9/22! Open to any and all ideas for future happy hours. Please reach out to Becca Biltz (biltz.17@osu.edu).

NewN: Please make sure you're frequently communicating with new students and making sure people are adjusting and getting settled. Please keep reaching out to mentees because sometimes they don't even know what they don't know! For any new students, please check out the First Year Survival Guide on the NGSO website (<https://cpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/u.osu.edu/dist/7/43724/files/2019/05/Real-Guide-to-Surviving-the-First-Year-of-Grad-School.pdf>) Working on transition package for the next NewN mentor – also is there interest in a NewN specific happy hour event?

Fundraising: Have some things planned for Halloween and then something else sooner – for example, one idea is a bagel/coffee/breakfast sale. Order for yourself or a friend and delivered for them. Also a similar for Halloween with candy? Contact Toni Stubbs (stubbs.89@osu.edu) with any suggestions!

Professional Development: Event planning! Trying to find a leader for an R focused seminar. Considering stats professor, but other suggestions are open especially in neuroscience, email Michaela Breach ASAP (breach.3@osu.edu). Please answer the survey asking for interest in different career panel participants! Here's also a list of upcoming events:

OCTOBER 1ST

Sigma XI "Grants In Aid of Research".

- more info: www.sigmaxi.org/giar

OCTOBER 9TH

Resume workshop by Ana Berrios, 10-11:30am

- led by career counseling and support services
- convert your academic CV into a resume format for industry
- zoom link TBD?

NOVEMBER 4TH-5TH

Virtual Zoom networking/recruiting event. 9-5ish

- This event will consist of multiple companies recruiting undergraduates, graduates, and post-docs for employment opportunities. Informational sessions and one-on-one meetings with these companies.
- The resume deadline is October 16th.

Diversity & Inclusion: There's enough student interest to have another meeting with OSU's upward bound coordinator, so please reach out if you're interested in participating! Please email Dani Boyle (boyle.316@osu.edu) for more information. Stipend money may be available to those who want to participate depending on number of volunteers.

Want to set up a graduate student panel with the undergraduate diversity office to inform younger undergrad students (undecided, in the sciences broadly) about neuroscience and pursuing graduate school. Also want to have a page on the neuroscience website that more actively addresses diversity and inclusion for both prospective and current students.

Couple ideas for social ideas – earlier survey indicated a lot of interest for a movie night in early October. Fun to do a Halloween scary movie like "Get Out" or other

Halloween themed movie like “Horror Noir”, which is a documentary about representation in horror movies. Will set up a zoom link to stream from laptop and screen share.

Dr. McTigue and Dr. Barrientos were very active listeners and surprised that there were so many exclusionary/toxic behaviors and want to discuss future directions for addressing such things. What kind of current exclusionary behaviors and how to talk about intentional action items, and specific recommendations: request faculty do regular mentor trainings for students with mental/physical disability. Shoot an email to Dani Boyle (boyle.316@osu.edu) to join the committee or if you have any ideas!

Concluding Remarks & Next Meeting Date

We’re gearing up with more events as Halloween and the holiday season approach, so please don’t hesitate to reach out with any ideas! **Next NGSO meeting will be after seminar (5 PM) Wednesday, October 7!**