

Meeting minutes for: **October 7, 2020**

Updates from the General Assembly

Comments, ideas, and good news before meeting: Can you believe it is October??? Also, congrats to Zoe's partner who took the Bar and Rachel's fiancé who got a job! Be sure to celebrate the good things, both big and small. Have something you want to share? Let us know!

Update from NGP Student Representatives: Nicki and Abby met with the program co-directors to reach out to faculty for network connections to those in industry/non-academic jobs and established April as a tentative date for the NGP Career Fair. If you have any particular careers you're interested in learning more about, please reach out to Nicki and Abby so they can include them in the preparation for the fair!

Also, those who are currently participating in courses (particularly first and second year students) please give any and all feedback – both positive and negative – regarding the Zoom/Online class format and any suggestions you may have for bettering the remote format. Students reps will be addressing class organization for next semester in their next meeting with the faculty and need your input! Watch for a survey from Rachel.

CGS Update: Sarah is the acting secretary of the CGS and because no one applied for the open delegate seat for the NGP she will transmit as much information as she can during NGSO meetings. For further information, be sure to read through the CGS newsletters and check the CGS website for regular updates.

Please take the health and wellness survey (link here: <https://swc.osu.edu/get-involved/wellness-assessment/>), as this informs the CGS Health & Wellness committee what sort of struggles students are going through and come up with ideas to mitigate and additional stress that students are feeling (overall and due to the health crisis and election). Also fill out this survey specifically assessing student needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic (link here: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a8yBncnEclxeozb). Additionally, be sure you have a plan to vote – whether it be absentee, drop-off, early, or in person. Check out the CGS website (link here: [https://activities.osu.edu/involvement/osuvotes/transportation to the polls/](https://activities.osu.edu/involvement/osuvotes/transportation%20to%20the%20polls/)) for more information!

NEURO update: Graduate student panel for the undergraduate Cognitive Sciences Club will be held in spring. Please reach out to Kia if you have any suggestions for other clubs or organizations we could organize a graduate student panel/discussion! Power in Neuroscience organization reached out the NGSO to host a Brain Bee, which would be online and free and is tentatively scheduled for 2021 (this is subject to change). Intend to participate in the “official” national Brain Bee competition, so please reach out to Kia if you're interested in helping with this event! Would also like to initiate a drive for food and resources through a collaboration with eh Columbus

libraries. Already have approval from NGP to put donation boxes in BRT and Graves, so please reach out if your research building could also contribute and if you have/know where to find any plastic boxes for donations! (would prefer to be able to sanitize them so no cardboard).

Updates from the Executive Board

President: Next week scheduled for November 10 which is a TUESDAY, so please mark your calendars for the change.

Vice President: None

Treasurer: None

Secretary: None

Web development: None

Updates from the Committee Chairs

Social: This month's happy hour is Wednesday, October 28th at 5 PM (after seminar)! Becca has sent out the zoom link and password for the event, but please follow up with her if you cannot find the information. The happy hour will be Halloween themed with some Trivia/Kahoot, so feel free to dress up and get into the spirit!

NewN: Keep an eye out for a survey regarding opinions and suggestions of the online class format. And as always please reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns as you continue on your journey through grad school.

Fundraising: None – but please email with any fundraising suggestions!

Professional Development: Found someone to teach the R workshop for 7887, so keep an eye out for when that will be scheduled (coding experience, especially in R, is an invaluable skill!). CV to resume workshop was October 9-10, if you missed it keep an eye out for upcoming/future events. Also, what would you like to see in a science communication workshop? Any specific job/skill suggestions? Please email Michaela with all suggestions.

Diversity & Inclusion: Dany held a very successful D&I event where there was a viewing and post-viewing discussion of "Horror Noire: A History of Black Horror".

Keep an eye out for future events and feel free to reach out to Dany with any suggestions!

Concluding Remarks & Next Meeting Date

Be sure to be responsible and safe when celebrating this upcoming Halloween and **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!** The next NGSO meeting will be TUESDAY (*please make note of day change*) **November 10**, so keep an eye out for an email from Kia regarding Zoom link information!