

Meeting minutes for: December 2, 2020

Updates from the General Assembly

NGP Student Rep update: Meeting with faculty was moved to week after NGSO meeting (week of 12/7). Recruitment is on-going and the first meetings have happened with faculty and the next phase of recruitment will happen in early January with student involvement. Keri recently sent an email with important dates for NGP virtual recruitment, which will have events from January 4 through February 18 (note any dates and times are subject to change). **Please sign-up to volunteer as a student liaison and/or video tour guide here** (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WXhHTQzZzcYS_tFXCUe8TZUPh2ReGr7Lnzi7GtExyuk/edit?usp=sharing). Unsure at this point if recruitment will be required for all students to participate as it previously has.

Please upload any photos/videos regarding life around Columbus or any lab spaces/cool equipment that would be good to show during recruitment. You can upload photos here (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u1CZG5jFE925XpY4rHKNUzZU39CobR5J?usp=sharing>). If you have any ideas for recruitment activities, please reach out to Abby or Nicki!

There were several questions regarding leadership changes for the NGP, which information was limited due to the delay in the faculty meeting. One person's PI said they are currently looking for another co-director, which faculty will vote on. Keri recently sent an email saying Dr. Leah Pyter will be acting as interim director until a co-director is appointed.

Still planning Career Day and looking for help from faculty for contacts, but please reach out with any information you may have that could help!

NEURO update: Timing for the Online Brain Bee was discussed, and Kia recently sent out an email that included more information, a flyer, and websites so keep an eye on further updates from her! To summarize, the Online Brain Bee for Columbus, OH will be hosted Saturday, February 27th (time TBD). You can find more information on the website (<https://u.osu.edu/brainbee/>) and sign-up to volunteer for the event here (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LyQUNGcTen5Qlabt84ZNdNx9NLdRjU4ZMtzvUCD0Bo/edit?usp=sharing>). **Currently trying to reach out to as many schools as possible to advertise/get participants for Brain Bee in 2021,** so please reach out if you have any contacts!

Also please reach out to Kia or Toni for more information if you have any non-perishable items you can donate throughout the holiday season. It is of course hard to donate especially during these times, but if you are able please consider doing so! They accept things like books, blankets, hats, scarves, etc.

Trying to film brain demonstrations with physical samples of brains that are usually brought to in-person events for NEURO with hopes to edit and then release/distribute to continue NEURO's outreach during the pandemic. If anyone has a tripod/phone stabilizer to help with recording please reach out!

Updates from the Executive Board

Social: Not planning to do an event for December due to holiday travel but will start up again with virtual events in January. Always open to all ideas for social events! Trivia and Kahoot seem to be the most popular activities. Hopeful to hold the next Cere-Ball-Um once it's safe.

Webmaster: Hope to update current student information (ie updating current years/research information and adding the newest students) on NGP website. Keep an eye out for an email from Sam regarding student bios/current research information to update the website with. If you have any suggestions for the NGP or NGSO websites, please let Sam know!

Will upload most recent "Where to Live" data before recruitment so that students can get a better idea of where NGP students are currently living in Columbus. Also had to apply for social media accounts and currently waiting for approval on those. Also will be updating information for NGSO/NEURO

Professional Development: The person running the science communication workshop is giving her first online format, so she will be following up with Michaela about the format and specifics for the neuro program.

Please reach out to Michaela if you know anyone who would be comfortable teach an introductory/basics R Workshop for a seminar class/those interested in learning more about programming!

Diversity & Inclusion: Mental health round table was successful – multiple people said they'd like this to become a regular event multiple times a semester. Because it's low maintenance, this is certainly feasible with the next round-table possible happening early spring semester. Michaela is working with Dr. McTigue also plans to give a Faculty mental health workshop hopefully in early February. If anyone has

specific input for what they would like to have represented in the presentation, please email/message Michaela!

It was brought up during the meeting that NGP students should be surveyed regarding NGP-specific mental health statistics, thus Michaela will be constructing a mental health survey to better inform the NGP-specific experience, so keep an eye out for that!

Concluding Remarks & Next Meeting Date

Our next meeting will be in the new year in 2021, so until then – happy holidays, stay safe during any travel/gatherings, and let's cheers to 2020 finally coming to an end!