

BioGSA Meeting Minutes

Date: 11 November 2021

Location: Butler 103

		Discussion/Future Action
Special Business	Jennifer Bradford	-Discussed possible ways to increase participation and sense of community among grad students. Want to combat feelings of isolation. A poll will be sent out to see what kind of events/activities everyone would like.
	MGT report	-The feedback survey has been reopened until Monday, 15 Nov, 5pm.
	Thanksgiving	-Want to invite grad students who are still in town on Thanksgiving to come to a potluck dinner. Details are still being planned.
Reports	President/Vice President (Sara N.M. & Valerie)	-Will send out a call for abstract submission from grad student/post docs to present at the department seminar, 8 March 2022. -BioGSA townhall 10 Dec 4pm in place of grad student seminar.
	Treasurer (Sara A.M.)	-Cash to deposit merchandise sale
	Fundraising Rep (Morgan)	-Reopening the t-shirt and sweater sale through Saturday, 13 Nov. As of this meeting, approximately 110 items have been sold. -Possible small Christmas cookie bake sale the first week of December. Details are still being determined and an email will be sent out soon.
	Graduate Programs Committee (GPC) Rep (Aditi)	-Dr. Christine Merlin has been voted as the new head -Some students have not been receiving preliminary exams from every committee member. This and suggestions on how to prevent this from happening were discussed in the last GPC meeting. For example: providing external committee members with their expected roles as a member of a biology committee
	Faculty Meeting Rep (Marko)	-Faculty meeting Friday, 12 Nov. Will further discuss the MGT report.
	Graduate & Professional School Government (GPSG) Senators (Jordan, Aishwarya)	-No updates

	Student & Post-doc Research Conference (SPRC) Reps (Maureen, Prakruthi)	-Exit meeting is TBD
	Graduate Recruiting & Admissions Committee (GRAC) Rep (Jenna)	-Dr. Jen Dulin was elected head of the committee -Recruiting weekend will take place at the beginning of February. -There will be some kind of recruiting conference event with posters. Details are still being determined.
	College of Science Dean's Grad Student Council Rep (Kristen)	-No updates
Old Business		-First Friday (5 Nov.) went well. Approximately 20 people came. Could be good to do again next semester.
New Business		-Thanksgiving potluck dinner, 23 Nov -Cookie bake sale early Dec.
Next Meeting	9 Dec 2021, 12:30pm BTLR 103	