

# BioGSA Meeting Minutes

Date: 9 December 2021

Location: Butler 103

		Discussion/Future Action
<b>Special Business</b>		Discussion other ways BioGSA could help and support grad students. If you have any ideas/suggestions, please let us know.
<b>Reports</b>	<b>President/Vice President</b> (Sara N.M. & Valerie)	-Bin Wu and Julio Gamboa will be the speakers at the BioGSA-hosted dept seminar in the spring. -Potential time change for the Grad Student Seminars in the spring – move from 4pm to 12pm. Details are still being finalized. -Would like to have more grad student involvement in both presenting and inviting speakers. Ideas for incentive include giving gift cards to the speakers.
	<b>Treasurer</b> (Sara A.M.)	-Deposited money from the bake sale.
	<b>Fundraising Rep</b> (Morgan)	-Made approximately \$500 in profit from the bake sale. -New shirts/sweatshirts won't come in from C.C. Creations until January or February. Will send another update email. -Old shirts, koozies, and decals that were bought will be distributed next week. -Discussed ideas for a spring fundraiser. International festival may not be possible due to COVID restrictions. May do another bake sale with an emphasis on international desserts. Will likely take place at the end of March. Still being planned.
	<b>Graduate Programs Committee (GPC) Rep</b> (Aditi)	-No updates
	<b>Faculty Meeting Rep</b> (Marko)	-This week's faculty meeting (10 Dec) was cancelled and will likely be moved to next week. -MGT report is scheduled to come out tomorrow, Friday, 10 Dec.
	<b>Graduate &amp; Professional School Government (GPSG) Senators</b> (Jordan, Aishwarya)	-No updates

	<b>Student &amp; Post-doc Research Conference (SPRC) Reps</b> (Maureen, Prakruthi)	-Had an exit meeting in November. This was one of the smoothest SPRCs. -In the future, the judging forms will be edited to allow for easier feedback. -Dr. McCreedy has all the judge's feedback and is working on organizing and sending it out to the participants. -Will send out a feedback survey to the students.
	<b>Graduate Recruiting &amp; Admissions Committee (GRAC) Rep</b> (Jenna)	-We will likely participate in the genetics recruiting event, second week of February, however this hasn't been officially finalized. -This is the first year the dept has been able to offer application fee waivers. These were offered to applicants based on presentation experience and publication record. -Next GRAC meeting is December 16 <sup>th</sup> to discuss applicants.
	<b>College of Science Dean's Grad Student Council Rep</b> (Kristen)	-Committee has not met yet.
<b>Old Business</b>		BioGSA Town hall Dec 7.
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>		January 13, 2022. BTLR 103. 12:30pm* (may change depending on spring schedules)