**BGSO Meeting Minutes April 4, 2017, 12:30 -1:30PM**

**Officers present**: Benjamin Gombash, Felicity Newton, Chissa Rivaldi, Mauna Dasari, Amanda Yamasaki, Francisco Fields, Rachel Oidtman, Brittni Bertolet, Kate Barrett

**Members present**: Bobby Habig, Henry Vu

**Faculty/Advisors present:** Dr. Rebecca Wingert

**Agenda:**

1. Upcoming Professional Development Panel on 4/18.

2. Upcoming Outreach Events: March for Science

3. End of the year BBQ Planning

4. Grad COS-JAM and volunteering/moderating sessions

5. BGSO Website and Student Spotlights

6. ND Day 2017

1. **Prof Dev Panel**

On the 18th of April at official seminar time, brown bag MC/co-MC by Lexi.

Jason McLachlan, and professor at small lib arts college are among those who will be on this first panel-they will talk about their experiences that led to them being where they are now.

This is the first panel, want to do this at least once per semester.

Google Drive-shared with officers.

Carmella and Justin started a seminar survey-integrate to get a comprehensive list of suggestions.

Chissa asked if this integrates with Tuesday seminar?

Brittni said Tuesday would be ideal because everyone is expected to be there.

Solicit announcements about speaker-end of this week would be a good thing.

Matt sends out announcement week before and day before.

Link to google form on the flyer.

Dr. Wingert mentioned missing connections to resources should be addressed.

**2. March for Science and other outreach**

Amanda provided an update-There is a route, set day and time, starts at Howard Park and goes to Morris where there will be a rally.

Facebook page is live now-can raise awareness that way

Poster making session? The week before, BGSO could provide materials for posters

Carpool sheet is a good idea-what will parking be like?

Potato Creek- event at end of April-outreach event, help organize and carpool

**3. BBQ**

Last day of finals week?

May 5 tentative date, which same day as graduate COS JAM

Cinco de Mayo theme-but no alcoholic beverages allowed outside

Calling the BBQ place in Mishawaka-Ben will get in touch about renting BBQ.

SAO request-once you see and approve it, it goes away-take screen shots??

Need food safety trained to make the BBQ happen

Get it on department calendar as soon as date for BBQ is set in stone

This month in BGSO-Brittni suggested a monthly snapshot of upcoming events

Also links to RSVP-food, attendance, etc.

Felicity will take this month

**4. Grad COS JAM-Dr. Ravosa**

Ravosa presented an overview on COS JAM: Foster integrative & interdisciplinary research and knowledge across the college and develop presentation and mentoring skills.

Anyway you want to help is great.

Concurrent oral presentation sessions, not put all BIOS people in the same room, force you to get to interact with other disciplines

Expanding lunch session/career development.

Prizes for categories of subjects-money prizes.

Get practice giving talks, presenting posters in a more friendly crowd.

Do not hesitate to cut people off if you are a moderator.

This is a first time, open to suggestions for improvement.

When are abstracts due? Next Friday April 14, 300 words or less, give preference for poster/oral

What about only title, not abstract before deadline.

Probably will extend the deadline.

Dr. Wingert asked, Funding for covering printing cost from COS?

What size of poster?

Ultimate goal: include departments in the college of engineering-get people from disparate disciplines to mingle and share research.

How to start getting volunteers? We need moderators, judges, morning, afternoon, or all day.

Setting up event is all set, swat away undergrads who are trying to steal food.

Feel free to email Ravosa if you have questions.

**5. BGSO website**

Stefan said there is a couple holes that could be fixed.

Empty: where are they now and FAQ for prospective students- Stefan modified this section so you can’t even see them on website

Would be good to have a general sense of common/useful FAQ-compile and send to Stefan.

Current student section is a ghost town-student spotlight is empty.

Highlight students each month-not just a couple people.

Describe your research interests in 3 words or less, could add to questionnaire for professional development.

Good to highlight students and affiliate with labs.

Grad student directory-not really up to date, it’s a curation issue, order of magnitude of challenge-Dr. Wingert said it is a hard job.

Privacy issues-ask Crislyn-can it be under auspices of BGSO.

**6. ND Day**

People donate a lot of money: ND sets aside $1 million and people all over the world can donate $10 and 5 votes to allocate to any group/organization, and depending on votes you get certain proportion of the million. This is a livestream event and the cash winnings range anywhere from $20,000 to a couple hundred.

If people can donate money to BGSO, we can make a concerted effort to fuel prof dev

SAO or departments or centers, funnel toward Bio Department, earmark it for prof dev.

CGSO were on short list for votes, BGSO were missing.

Centralize in order to capitalize on the votes.

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March for Science-booth? Advertize for BIOS.

Have website things fixed before ND Day.

Could use career panel to present ND Day platform.

If we can sell t-shirts at graduation-Biology Club undergrads sold BGSO shirts last year. Mauna will email Jen about it.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:44 PM