

10.09.14 Meeting Minutes

Public engagement and downstairs display w/ Dr. Kenneth Noll

- Dr. Noll discussed the possibility of using the display cases downstairs regularly to present the work taking place currently in our department.
- Noted that any given display could be lab-specific, floor-specific, or even related to a class that we are currently teaching to help get concepts across to students. Basically anything goes.
- To get the ball rolling on this, all department members are asked to post any ideas that they may have on our Facebook page or simply email us at gradorg.mcb@gmail.com

Outreach Events

- Sally and Shannon discussed the opportunity to reach out to our community and bringing science to younger people. One idea discussed was a mentorship program at the YMCA. Anyone interested in learning more should speak with Sally and/or Shannon.
- Other ideas for outreach opportunities are welcome!

Career Development

- We are in the process of bringing Dr. Stefano Bertuzzi, executive director of ASCB, to UConn. Our plan is to have him in for one of the regularly scheduled Tuesday seminars, followed by a smaller roundtable discussion so that our group has the opportunity to interact personally with him.
- An important point to this end is that we, as graduate students, have the opportunity to bring in one speaker per semester of our choosing. Therefore if anyone would like to hear more about a particular discipline, know that we can bring in a speaker from that field.

GO: MCB Group Webpage and Facebook Page

- We discussed some ideas for what should be included on our group website and Facebook page. Some ideas:
Links to the graduate student proposal and dissertation forms.
Sample grants written by older post-docs/grads.
Funding opportunities for graduate students.

Social Events

- Dave and Buster's. Potential dates are Fri the 17th and Wed the 22nd. Anyone interested please post your vote on the Facebook page or simply email us at gradorg.mcb@gmail.com
- Bowling.

Logo

- We passed around 6 possibilities for our group logo (thank you to Katrina). We would like to do a Facebook poll for favorites and the majority will rule.