

GO:MCB Meeting

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017

1. Pariksheet Nanda resigned as secretary. Andrea Suria nominated herself for the position.
2. Working with the undergraduate micro club to sell new t-shirts
 - Undergrads could help in sale of t-shirts
 - Discuss theme for a new t-shirt design that would encompass more than just MCB (to appeal to a larger audience)
 - After theme is selected, open up a call for design submissions
 - Undergrads can help announce sales in larger intro courses (microbiology, general biology, cell biology, etc.)
 - Potentially talk to biology service fraternity/sorority if they'd like to help
 - Potentially design a MCB sticker like the one EEB has made
 - Potentially sell t-shirts online
3. Organization funds
 - About \$730 was raised from the second sale of MCB t-shirts (still need to deduct the cost of t-shirt purchase from this amount)
 - \$320 from summer ASCB Compass grant was donated to MCB
 - Approximately \$1000 has been requested from GSS funds
 - Need to submit quotes from vendors 4 weeks in advance to request these funds
 - Special allocations are available that we can submit a proposal to use
4. Rose will get in contact with secretaries or other contact person from NRE and EEB department
 - Begin forwarding emails about our events to these departments
5. Outreach events – have organized by first coffee hour
 - “2 Scientists Walk into a Bar”
 - Similar to program organized in San Diego
 - Can hand out coasters to invite people to come over and talk with us
 - Sarah McNulty has emailed Two Roads, but has not gotten a response yet. Will probably need to go to bars in person
 - Contact CT Science Center to get involved in Liquid Lounge events
 - Skype with a scientist
 - Organize a list of schools people have/will contact and people who will volunteer for skype meetings
 - Demos at nursing homes/senior centers
 - Invite grandparents to bring their grandchildren to reach two demographics at the same time
 - Sally Chamberland has demos that would be good for this
 - Consider purchasing reusable demos for this and after school events
 - Windham after school program
 - Sarah McNulty has contact with program director

6. Presentation for Intro to Research class
 - Request from Vikki Robinson and Carol Teschke
 - Present in class on February 22nd, 2:30 – 3:30 pm
 - Discuss what life is like as a grad student, what we do, and how we ended up here
 - Invite students from PNB and EEB as well
 - Try to get graduate students from different years to provide varied perspectives

7. Update guide to being an MCB graduate student from previous MCB students
 - Updated guide can be put on GO:MCB website and handed out to new grad students
 - Document will be placed in Google docs to allow members to edit

8. Planning professional development events for the semester
 - Invite improve group to host a workshop for improving communication skills
 - Organize an alumni panel
 - Work with the science communication course to create youtube videos where each grad student can talk about their research
 - Twitter workshop
 - Sarah McAnulty can help organize
 - Invite Nichole Broderick and Jonathan Klassen
 - Perhaps incorporate into or after a coffee hour

9. Contact Michael Lynes about pool of money for helping graduate students
 - Previous meetings had discussed potentially offering more travel grants or matching scholarships awarded to students