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 McAnulty 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 McAnulty 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