GO: MCB Meeting
Tuesday, April 11th, 2017

1. Drink with a Scientist
   - This outreach event is being led by Katrina Velle
   - Email address: Drinkwithascientist@gmail.com
   - What is a science café?
     - [http://sciencecafes.org/](http://sciencecafes.org/)
     - Based on pre-existing model from above website. Includes instructional videos to see what is needed to start a café
     - Casual setting, open to everyone, start conversations about science with people who don’t normally engage in science
     - Would include short (10-12 min) lectures and encourage dynamic 2-way interactions to empower the public to learn
     - Aims to target the portion of the population that are good intentioned but don’t have all the facts about science and don’t know what to do
     - Would like to have the event be well attended but not swamped out by MCB/UConn members
     - 3 listed in CT:
       - “UConn Science Salon” in Hartford
       - “Peabody Science Café” in New Haven
       - “Tilde Café” in Bradford
   - Potential locations:
     - Katrina would like to start one up in the “quiet corner” of CT (many republicans live in this area) and also Manchester and other areas
     - Sarah has a spreadsheet with possible venues
       - Something Simple Café in Hebron might be a good place to start
   - First topic: dinosaurs
     - Invite Rachel O’Neill who has given a talk about if Jurassic Park could actually exist
     - Topics would change week-to-week/month-to-moth
   - What do we need to do to get started?
     - Invite speakers, including both professors and students from different departments
       - Need engaging speakers to get this off the ground
       - Invite people who do the 3 Minute Thesis competition
     - Katrina made a brochure that we can give out to potential cafes
       - Can post ads in local newspapers
       - Sarah can contact Patrick Skahill at WNPR to announce it
     - Two main positions needed for these events:
       - Café coordinator (contacts café to get things set up)
       - Café moderator (leads discussion)
     - Might need to provide our own projector/something to project on
- Office of outreach – can ask if they have equipment we can borrow if we can’t use the department’s
  - Need to confirm if GO:MCB can be associated with an event that promotes drinking off campus
    - Might require permission to go off-campus as a club event

2. **Skype with a Scientist**
   - Henry (EEB student) will be updating the website
   - Someone is making a code to match scientists with classrooms

3. **Bake your research**
   - #bakeyourresearch on twitter
   - Hold event where each person will submit a baked good that represents their research
   - Kendra Masse and Barbara Mellone have volunteered to be judges
   - Host event in early summer

4. **Nominations**
   - Need to submit GO:MCB roster by May 12th
   - Will be hosting elections soon
     - 5 positions outlined in constitution
     - We can only have one or two people in the same position as the previous year
     - Email Rose if you would like to nominate someone or be nominated for a position
     - Vote the first week of May

5. **Nicole Dublier Coming May 30th**
   - Nicole Dublier is the student invited speaker for the year
   - Coming from Germany and then heading to ASM Microbe meeting
   - What events do we want to have with her?
     - Potentially a discussion of career paths with grad students
   - In June we can vote on the speaker for the fall