GO:MCB Meeting – August 17th, 2017

1. Drink with a Scientist Event
   - First event was held on Tuesday, August 15th at the True Blue Tavern (Nathan Hale)
   - People filled out comment cards and seemed to really enjoy it
     - Average rating of 4.5/5
   - People think Thursdays would be the best day for the event, Wednesday was second choice (may be better for businesses)
   - People would have liked it a little shorter (possibly one speaker in the future instead of two)
   - Next time need to have posters advertising the event at the venue (so customers know it’s open to the public)
   - Katrina will contact Black Pond Brews for possible next venue
   - Would host next event in October
   - Email Katrina Velle (katrina.velle@uconn.edu) if you would like to be involved in the future
     - Looking for MCs!

2. Science Communication Event – Practice for 3 Minute Thesis (3MT)
   - Wednesday, September 20th, 6:00 PM, TLS 154
   - 3MT is on Tuesday, September 26th
   - This will be an event with other STEM departments so that we can get feedback on giving short talks for a broader audiences and without jargon

3. GO:MCB Survey Results
   - As of this meeting, we had a total of 32 responses
   - Last year’s event ratings:
     1. Career panel with undergraduates (4.5/5)
     2. MCB t-shirt sales (4.42/5)
     3. Student-invited speaker (4.31/5)
     4. Skype a scientist (4.22/5)
     5. Blaze Pizza fundraiser (4.17/5)
     6. Science fair judging (3.86/5)
     7. Twitter panel (3.8/5)
     8. Coffee hours (3.76/5)
     9. CaresBio (3.4/5)
   - In what ways could the department better help students?
     - 68.75% - Define requirements for degree completion
     - 59.38% - Communicate about outside funding
     - 50% - Provide guidance through grad school bureaucracy
     - 43.75% - Host more career speakers
   - Best way to communicate with you?
     - Majority (25/32 responses) responded email
   - Careers we are pursuing:
     - Industry (17 responses)
     - Academia (16 responses)
4. Moving forward from survey results

- We will host another career panel for the undergraduates
  - Open to all undergrads (have them register), where last year it was done one day as part of a research course
  - Try to do more career panels in high schools
    - Tom Abbott is in communication with all AP bio teachers in CT
    - Sally Chamberland hosted a panel at her old high school once, can go again

- Run another Blaze Pizza Fundraiser

- Student-Invited Speaker
  - Will send out a poll shortly for nominations
  - Micro speakers will not be up for nomination this year since last year’s speaker was from this concentration

- Update student-written handbook with information to help guide new students through degree requirements/etc.

- Industry talks
  - We will work with the PSM program to get an hour with their industry speakers for all grad students to come ask questions
  - Madhvi has spoken with the UConn Health grad organization and we can video conference in to their industry talks

- Host another twitter panel

- Career Planning Event
  - Work through IDP (https://myidp.sciencecareers.org/) to start more discussion about finding the right career path for you

- Kevin Boyd will organize a Python coding workshop

- Workshop for how to use PIVOT for finding external funding
  - September 12th, TLS Kresge Library, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

- Graduate Seminar
  - Have forms in different colors so you can see which responses are from undergrads, grad students, or professors
  - Talk to Michael Lynes about how travel funds will be awarded to best grad sem speaker