

GO:MCB Meeting
November 20th 2020 10AM-11AM
Virtual Meeting

President: Katie Kyle
Vice President: Emily Green
Outreach Coordinator: Ryan Duggan
Treasurer: Patrick Grady
Secretary: Sean Gosselin
Chief Diversity Officer: Khalia Cain

Present: Michael Lynes, Katie Kyle, Emily Green, Khalia Cain, Patrick Grady, Ryan Duggan

News from Michael:

- This past fiscal year grant dollars went from 6.4 mill to 11.2? (around 11) million!
 - Michael seems to think we're on track to remain high for the upcoming year as well
- Spring will bring a move for some of the MCB labs from TLS to Gant. Micro will move but Biochem wont? Be nice to poor Linda!

Updates from GO:MCB

- We mentioned the Mental Health Survey Emily is preparing for MCB grad students
- Preparing survey for undergrads
 - Michael is very interested in the results of this and suggested we can test run undergrad survey on the undergrad MCB clubs. Points of contact below:
 - Simon white , sarah hird -- UGO:MCB faculty advisers
 - Kathy feldman -- undergrad microbiology clubs
- For Diversity Facilitator/DI Committee purposes Michael mentioned Dylan Audette, Faculty at Hartford
 - He is motivated to network with UConn, many students come from there to UConn and are more diverse socioeconomically, age, etc
- Emily mentioned GSS sent Senators Moe's gift cards presumably with leftover funds or re-purposing the food funds that haven't been used due to virtual meetings
 - could we do something similar with re-purposing the coffee hour food funds to send all grad students coffee gift cards and then set up a virtual coffee hour?
 - Michael will talk with Maggie about feasibility of this
- Patrick brought up morale of first year students
 - Michael said Joerg is speaking to them today... (about morale? Just chatting? Not sure).
 - If we have any ideas bring them to Michael because he'd be happy to hear them
- Katie brought up grad student rep for faculty meetings
 - Michael will touch base with Joerg and bring it up in Dec. faculty meeting?

- Says it could take a while to get decided but he doesn't have an immediate adverse reaction to it but it's not a dept head decision.
- There would be parts like personnel issues or certain financial meetings that we would not be able to observe.
- Michael also mentioned that you can learn a lot about how things are run by going to the meetings.
- Mentioned GO:MCB website updates
 - Michael asked if we are working with Susan Vinning on this as she she the dept. web person. (She knows the university requirements and such)
 - If we have any good photos of grad student activities Michael asks if we could share with the dept (Susan I guess?) for use on dept website as well