

BGSS Executive Meeting Agenda

18 September 2023

Members Present:

- Liam Johnson (Senior Student-Faculty Liaison)
- Sophia Kast (Treasurer)
- Brontë Shelton (President)
- Selina Spence (Vice President)

Item 1: Hot Desks

- a. Discuss communication from 2017 BGSS regarding stance, advocacy, and support
- b. Actions proposed:
 - i. Chat with former BGSS members first before getting them to write a letter. Selina will contact Cameron Egan to see if we can organize a meeting.
 - ii. Write another survey with a yes/no question to see Bio Grad Students are in favor of the BGSS standing up against hot desks.

Vote on Action:

No votes necessary.

Result: NA

Item 2: Funding Paperwork

- a. Can apply for up to \$1500
- b. Major events to apply this funding to, items that would need to be purchased, rough estimate for cost of each
- c. *See excel spreadsheet in the Finances folder on Google Drive for a breakdown of approximate event costs.
 - i. Tie-dye Day

- i. Run by HSE to see if Lab Coats would be a possibility.
- ii. Trivia Nights (x2)
- iii. Corn Maze? Are there tickets required for this that we could subsidize/buy?
 - i. \$10-15 per person (may cap it for a certain amount of people)
 - ii. Beverage (non-alcoholic) + ticket = ~\$20 - \$25 per person.
- iv. Winter/Christmas Event
 - i. TBD
- v. Bob Ross Paint Night

Item 3: Department Funding

- a. Since Well nights seem to be a viable event – do we want to “save” department contributions for these and pay for Thursday bbq ourselves? Context: We want to host weekly student/faculty mixers at The Well and we require non-SUO funding to provide alcohol. We hope the Department can provide some funding.
 - i. Arguments For: If we do not take their money for the BBQ, they may be more willing to give us money for The Well events.
 - ii. Arguments Against:
 - i. We are inviting Faculty/Staff to the BBQ. Our funding is for Biology Graduate students, and we shouldn't have to cover the costs for faculty/staff. We would need to buy food separately for students and faculty/staff.
 - ii. There is no guarantee that the Department will pay for alcohol at The Well Events...

iii. We need to track down Dr. Rheault, but he is difficult to reach, and we do not have a ton of time to look for him.

iii. Three options:

i. Pay for BBQ ourselves.

ii. Try to track down Dr. Rheault beforehand and discuss it with him.

iii. Have the department pay for the BBQ as previously discussed.

Voting Result: 4 votes out of 5 for option 3.

Action: Have department pay for the BBQ. Ask for additional funding at another time.

Item 4: Open Floor

