Plant Biology Graduate Student Organization Meetings Spring 2019

Plant Biology GSO Meeting 2/21/18

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**Attending:** Sarah Lee, Christina Azodi, Jeremy Pardo, Adam Seroka, Rebecca Shay, Nolan B., Christopher Warneke, Danielle Young, Brian Aubin, Eleanore Rhitter.

**Faculty Meetings:** 2/20/19: Want as many people to fill out the climate survey as possible. Department chairs need to have a yearly review just like the rest of the faculty. EEBB will not become its own department. EEBB is going through a 10-year plan, thinking about making a new building on campus 10 years from now. This would reorganize labs.

Jiming Jiang organized a meeting for future planning. MSU was compared to 23 other departments labeled as plant biology/plant science, usually 3rd or 4th place for papers and funding. Also went over priority areas that MSU needs to focus on several different topics because of faculty leave. Hoping to hire more people in lacking fields.

There is funding for policy research this summer environmental science policy program (ESPP)

**DAC:** Didn’t meet this month.

**Social Committee:** GEU meeting instead of happy hour. International potluck is THIS Friday. GEU meeting is for members but you can become a member at the door. See GEU website for more details on the meeting. There will be a plant formal dance in April, more details to come. Tickets for grad students are $8. Party of Seven band, classic rock. Semi-formal dress. Game night is coming up in March.

T-shirts: Some who ordered them did not pay, but we were still able to make a profit off of them. Kasey had a T-shirt design that we may use in the future. We really need to start designing shirts earlier on.

Orchids, Sunday, early afternoon. At the Plant Science building.

**Grad Committee:** Big thank you to the people who helped with the recruitment weekend. Fellowships are being awarded soon. Interested in having a better mechanism for collecting feedback from graduate students. Will start asking for volunteers earlier next year.

Coming up with broad learning goals for the graduate schools so that the 801/804 classes can be reorganized. Broad goals include: soft skills, research, and professional development. They are considering getting rid of one of the courses or merging the two. General agreement is that the idea of the classes is good, but that the execution has been very poor.

Probably should send out a survey about what should be done with the 801/804 classes.
Send any comments or suggestions for what the overarching goals should be to Jeremy.

Trying to make cohorts stronger, maybe have a room where everyone works together?

**Long Range Planning** Fill out the survey, please! If you don’t want to write, but would rather talk go to Eleanore.

SPL..Brian? Looking for a new president still. Grad school is considering an RCR review. Concerned about ensuring that graduate students receive adequate ethics training. Want to have new videos with RCR. Some PIs do not push ethics in research. Approved 63 fellowships for incoming graduate students, low African American applicants and admission.

**Treasurer:** Joelyn needs someone to take over as treasurer.

**GWIS:** Looking for mentors for undergraduate interested in graduate school. Some are sophomores, go have lunch twice a semester.

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**Faculty Meeting** IBIO wants to swallow EEBB and turn EEBB into a degree granting program.

**Michael** Please come pick up your T-shirts!

**Eleanore** At last long term planning committee talked about 801 course, want to have a ban on professors talking about their own research.

**Alan** Outreach chair. Volunteers are still needed for Darwin Day; background checks are due tomorrow!!! GEU is bargaining this year. Shawna is heavily involved in this.

**Jason** keep cultural competency in mind, promote diverse viewpoints. Consider other students’ point of views.

We still need volunteers for the recruitment week. Please sign up on this link:
More information found in this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Rs05RmB5iFHEiN6b_Pt5QtVU180HKWMGjkGPiC65-U4/edit?usp=sharing

Adam DAC meeting. Generate a GLBLC sized program funded through GSF for smart agriculture. Need a preproposal due by the end of this year. That is in the works. They will be renovating PLB 247, yay! New faculty member has arrived Emily Josephs.

Brian SAC A new course for graduate students – Women in Science. Probably available Spring 2020, listed under special topics under physics but want it to be available for everyone. Want people to give a reason for wanting to be in the class. A lot of active learning and doing group work about helping women getting through the scientific process better.

nunesf@msu.edu for more information.

Mission statement for college of natural sciences is being worked on. Looking for commenters on helping to make the new mission statement. “Thinking like a scientists” is the current idea. Want to promote R for biologists and coding literacy.

Jeremy Guidebook is coming along, so far only one person who has actually defended that gave feedback. Incorporating advice from other universities. Also trying to put in more information about child care resources, if you have anymore information email Jeremy.

Danielle Upcoming events are online, there is a tulip festival coming up.

Chris EEBB will need a new director soon. Talked about splitting EEBB into a new department. There are conflicting views about this because EEBB has been around for a while and they have tried to make it into its own department before. Problem with this is it will need a ton of signatures and agreement from all the other collages. Had 15/16 votes last time in the 80’s. IBIO would probably dissolve fully.

Nolan Plant Biology symposium needs volunteers and a committee possibly.