

GGSA General Meeting Agenda

April 6, 2016

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Biochemistry/Biophysics Bldg. Room 203

1. Officer Elections for Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
 - a. President
 - b. Meghan Kinder
 - c. Vice President
 - d. David Forgacs
 - e. Treasurer
 - f. Carolina Mantilla-Rojas
 - g. Secretary
 - h. Jessica Elswood
 - i. Recruitment Officer
 - j. Samantha Peeler-Fletcher
 - k. GPSC Delegate
 - l. Alex Trott
 - m. GPSC Representatives (2)
 - n. Allyssa Miller
 - o. Adam Salazar
2. GGSA Travel Awards for August 31, 2015 - August 31, 2016
 - a. 10 applicants; all 10 people were awarded
3. Spring Picnic
 - a. May 20th at 6 P.M. at Southwood Pavilion
 - b. Graduate students to provide desserts
 - c. PLEASE INVITE FACULTY TO COME
4. Reception for Dr. Craig Coates (tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2016 at Cafe Eccell)
 - a. Faculty and graduate students are invited
5. Teaching Assistantships
 - a. If you need/want to T.A. email Dr. Dorothy Shippen dshippen@tamu.edu
 - b. Doesn't guarantee you'll get a TA slot but Dr. Shippen is trying to get spots procured
6. Committee Updates
 - a. Seminar Committee
 - i. GGSA speaker nominations (GGSA gets 1 speaker slot/semester)
 1. send to Ramesh Gunaratna r.gunaratna@tamu.edu
 2. We can have more than 1 spot but if you invite a speaker you must be responsible for scheduling and transporting
 3. our one spot could potentially be already filled by Dr. Carlos Bustamante (human genomics) and/or Dr. Trudy Mackay (quantitative genetics)
 - ii. Ramesh and Jessica will send out emails regarding this



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- iii. Seminars now every Monday at 4 PM in Reynolds 160
 - b. Website Committee
 - i. New GGSA webpage: g2sa.tamu.edu
 - c. Hosted by TIGS
 - d. Caitlin has been updating this
 - e. Contact Caitlin for anything you want to add to this website
 - i. Convince your PIs to be Featured Faculty on genetics site
 - ii. Be a Featured Student!
 - iii. Update your Bios
 - iv. send to Caitlin Curry <cjcurry@tamu.edu>
 - f. Recruitment Committee
 - i. Updates on acceptances and rejections
 - g. Accepted: 8, pending: 2, declined: 5
 - h. If your mentee has been accepted or is still pending, you can email them and ask if there is anything you can help them with
7. Other Business Items (open to everyone)
- a. Genetics Outreach
 - b. For our experience for applying for grants and outreaching to the community
 - c. Dr. David Threadgill has a postdoc that reaches out elementary schools that teaches kids about science
 - d. Spending 2-3 hours at an elementary school about once a month

