**Genetics Graduate Student Association (GGSA)**

**General Meeting Agenda**

**6 September 2017, 6 PM in Biochemistry/Biophysics Room 403**

1. Officer Introductions

a. President – Jessica Elswood

i. Genetics Executive Committee Meetings

b. Vice President – Scott Pearson

i. Assistant to President, Oral Research Competition

c. Treasurer – Joseph Modarelli

i. Travel Award, Food for Parties and Meetings

ii. working on travel award system, which was a point system last year

d. Secretary – Kristin Scoggin

i. Membership, Attendance, GGSA Listserv, Minutes, Spring Picnic

e. Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) Representatives

i. Delegate – Allyssa Miller

ii. Representatives – Kelsi West & Kevin Bredemeyer

everyone is a delegate not representative, but still only one vote per program

let us know if there is anything A&M can do to help make life better, we are all over campus so let us know

f. Recruiting Chair – Joseph Dubie

i. New Student Recruitment, Poster Research Competition

2. Genetics Program Advisor

a. Carol Vargas Bautista

 i. invite to next meeting

ii. website and career development next time

iii. had focused on recruitment last year

iv. retreat, getting grants for the program to be able to do more

3. Member introductions

a. Welcome 1st year students!

i. Everyone introduced themselves

ii.Biological clocks are hot!

4. Standing Committee Updates

Need a mendalian mingle chair (Michelle Gorman graduated) snacks before seminar, making flyer

1. Executive
	1. Sit in on executive committee, President is chair
2. Website
	1. Deal with GGSA website, update bios on genetics website as well, Caitlyn Curry is chair
3. Seminar
	1. Bring speakers into seminar, Luis DeSantiago is chair
4. Recruiting
	1. JoeDubie is chair, help get everything scheduled and reserved, and get to have say in what you want to change
5. Curriculum
	1. Not a lot of meetings, need someone to represent us, what classes should we have to take?
6. Advisory
	1. Not a lot of meetings, main job to help students through 1st year

5. Standing Committee Elections: *former committee members provide a brief description of their*

*role on the committee*

1. Reception committee and chair (3-4)
	1. Kevin Bredemeyer, Sarah O’Leary interested, will ask people to join in email
2. Website committee (2)
	1. Jennifer Jung, Ben Greenwell
3. Seminar committee (2)
	1. Collin Osborne
4. Recruiting committee (3-4)
	1. Timothy Sveeggen, Matt Jevit, Casey Pflug, Diana Medina
5. Curriculum committee (1)
	1. Joshua Meehan
6. Awards committee (1)
	1. Travel awards, Joseph Mordarelli

6. 2017 GENE Retreat

a. September 29-30th at La Torretta in Conroe, TX

i. Students talks will be 15 min with 5 min for questions, selected by the EC, faculty will create posters, talks will be if you have a summer fellowship, and rest will be selected from abstracts

ii. Need 2 student volunteers to be discussion mediators

 keep the time, David Forgac and Jennifer Jung

iii. Game show: Questions that you’ve always wanted faculty to answer?

 If funding was not an issue, what field would you study

 Where’d you go to undergrad?

 What is your spirit animal?

 Can email us if you don’t want to say now

iv. Email Dr. Vargas if you’re interested but didn’t RSVP!

Will focus on technology sharing, good for learning and networking

10. GGSA social event discussion

a. GGSA Social Hour: September 20th, 6pm at Carney’s

 not mandatory, but for fun!

3rd Wednesday of month, rotate time and place

We should do trivia night

11. Apparel

a. Anyone interested in organizing apparel orders?

 Design contest, sweatshirt or t shirt

12. Other business items

a. Fundraising! Host vendor show to bring money in to GGSA

b. Other ideas? Email us!

13. Picture time!

a. All of GGSA

b. Standing Committees

c. Officers