

Neuroscience Graduate Students' Association

Meeting Minutes **July 8, 2011**

9:00am Good Earth Coffee House

Attendance: Scott Travis, Curtis Benson, Kam Dhami, Andrea Shafer, Nina Weishaupt, Caitlyn Hurd, Shakib Rahman

Scott (VP secretary) called the meeting to order, outlined the agenda. Ian (President) was absent due to emergency circumstances.

Approve meeting minutes for June 3rd, 2011.

Member Reports

VP Secretary – Scott Travis – Dave Collins has asked for a member of the NGSA to sit on the Graduate Committee. The time commitment is two hours every other month. No one volunteered. Will get more details from Megan Airmet.

Seminars. Peter Smith asked the NGSA executive if we are interested in filling the weekly seminar slots in any of the following dates: September 15, 29; October 6, 13, 20; November 3, 24; and December 1. This would be a great way for a lab to showcase their work. Scott volunteered to email PIs to 'volunteer' their students. He will contact Dr. Collins when he has some volunteers. The other option is for NGSA members to share the hour one week. We could split it into 3 x 20-minute talks.

GSA Rep – Caitlin Hurd – The GSA has discussed over the next two years the possibility of graduate students getting paid twice a month. They don't like the idea of a fall reading week, they would prefer to leave early for holiday break.

Before the meeting, Ian had wanted to discuss the possibility of lab tours, and update us on VS Ramachanran's interest in NRD as a keynote. Because of his absence we differed these discussions to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Next Meeting is July 22nd, 2011.