

Neuroscience Graduate Students' Association Meeting-- Oct. 19th, 2012

Time and Location: Good Earth Coffee House, 10:00am

Attendees: Lauren Alston, Shakib Rahman, Scott Travis, Melanie Alpaugh, Sabine Schmelz, Joel Strautman

Meeting minutes were approved from Sept 28th, 2012.

Neuroscience Research Day

We are waiting on Dr. Whishaw to get back to us regarding the flights and hotel bookings. We are also trying to get an abstract from him for advertising purposes. Scott has already made a save the date poster for us to use. ECHA is officially booked for Jan 25th 2013. We also have two side rooms for student talks during the day. Shakib will send out a call for abstracts soon and set a Dec. 1st deadline for submission. Melanie will work on grants and coordinate with Shakib and Lauren to submit them.

Bake Sale

Sabine is looking into booking ECHA for the bake sale. As an alternative Sabine has looked at booking Rutherford library. We are looking at a Friday October 31st date to have the bake sale. Sabine will make up a signup list for volunteers and we will have people there in pairs. The bake sale will probably go all day, but the exact times are still to be determined.

Social Event

We will still have the game night social event as our fall semester social. It will probably be an early December, late November date for us.

Website

Stacy has agreed to take over the website and is working on revamping and updating it. So far she has a new website up, with the updated executive list as well as advertisements for social events and sports teams. She will also be adding pictures to it as well and linking it to the Centre for Neuroscience main site.

Sports

Dodgeball is complete for the semester. Volleyball has started and we defaulted on our first game. It might be a good idea to sign people up at seminars and then make a list from that. Others have also

expressed interest and should contact Joel to be put on the team lists. We should also check for any preferences for days of the week if possible before registration starts.

GSA Meeting

The UofA is considering disbanding FGSR due to a high graduate student attrition rate and a low enrollment rate. There are far too few grad students to undergrads. One possibility is to have students get their advise and graduation requirements from their specific department or school. Also, tuition is increasing by 2.15% next year for graduate students. Finally, there are Community Leadership awards available on the GSA website.

Meeting concluded at 11:00am.

Next Meeting: Nov. 2nd 10am Good Earth