

## PGSO Meeting 4.10.13

5:08 – people are lovin' on the food selection

5:09 – meeting called to order

5:09 – Rebecca has announcements (Treasurer)

- if you are a mentor and did a lunch last quarter you should get her those receipts ASAP
- 1<sup>st</sup> year BBQ – plan it, first years!

5:12 – Serena makes a SONA announcement

- if you have participants who abuse SONA, tell Ray
- make it clear that they will have to bring a form of photo ID
- if you find a mismatch, tell Ray – he is working with police

5:16 – We need a committee in charge of diversity and multi-culturalism

- PGSO has been working with Susan Levine and Mimi to plan this
- the committee would plan events and address concerns
- Carlos is going to be the point-person to e-mail if you're interested
- Sasha recommends forming a relationship with Dean Hall

5:19 – Professional Development Committee (Kevin/Lauren)

- last quarter there were wine and cheeses
- there was a write-in, it was poorly attended but there should be another in the future and the rules will be more clearly outlines
- trying to get a tea together (about Post Docs) probably 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> week
- Lauren's been talking to Little Red School House about a workshop
- there will be two wine and cheeses coming up
- collaboration speed dating is coming up (likely to be in the last two weeks)

5:29 – Travel and Research (Kasey)

- May 28<sup>th</sup>, the call is going out
- June 4<sup>th</sup> the applications are due
- if you application is rejected from the last funding cycle, you should reapply

5:30 – Academic Life Committee (Molly)

- there was a TA information session and the summary of the meeting was sent out by Lauren and is now posted on the PGSO website
- the committee is working with Mimi to hold a diversity event
- everyone is STRONGLY encouraged to attend, including faculty
- use peer pressure and persuasion to get everyone to attend – this is important

- there are currently student/faculty meetings about ongoing issues from students with faculty

- GSA (graduate student affairs) is offering fellowship and grant advising

- they do the searching, advising and proofreading for you

5:35 – Social Committee (Lauren)

- Book of Mormon is happening

- Lauren is going to have tickets in hand, you bring in \$10 and get your ticket

- there are 3-4 buffer tickets if you didn't RSVP the first time and want to now

- Neon suggests hiking as a fun/free idea

- 16 inch softball Intramural – email Dominic (we don't have a schedule but we DO have a team name, "Hits, Misses and False Alarms")

5:42 – Elections happen at the end of the quarter

- please decide if you want to stay on a committee by Week 8 of the quarter

- election night will be Week 10

- Rebecca said she's also interested in being a co-treasurer

- Serena said she will also talk to you about what it's like to be president

5:47 – Neon said if you're planning to graduate around the end of next year, you should contact her and be in a club

5:47 – Liz mentioned that you should figure out who your legislator is and tell them that NIH funding is important to you

- Liz is happy to send out information about this

5:50 – Carlos is talking about community outreach facilitation

- he can be our spokesperson or you can attend the meetings with him

5:52 – Meeting adjourned.