

GSC General Meeting

November 13th, 2017

Attendees:

- Plant Biology: Julia Miller, Nick Segerson, Penelope Lindsay
- Horticulture: Hannah Swegarden
- Plant Breeding: Dustin Wilkerson
- Plant Pathology: Morgan Carter, Chris Peritore Galve
- Crop and Soil: Eugene Law

Highlights:

- Executive Committee Meeting
 - Julia will attend meeting with Exec Committee on Wednesday, November 29th from 3-4pm. All executive board is invited
 - Goal is relay our goals to SIPS and CALS at large
 - Topic agenda:
 - Introduce all executive committee members
 - State mission/vision and discuss framework for communication
 - Overview of projects/events we have accomplished and are working on (e.g. SIPS Student Seminar Speaker, Chili Cook-Off, etc.)
 - Express gratitude for involvement in recent faculty searches and TA application process
- SIPS Student-Invited Seminar
 - Top-Three speakers were unable to attend this year's seminar; the fourth choice (Dr. James Brent Loy) was selected
 - In order to encourage attendance and availability of the speaker, we have decided to reach out to these speakers
 - Speaker One: Gebisa Ejeta
 - Speaker Two: Miguel Altieri
 - Speaker Three: Barbara Schaal
 - Nick: will be contacting these speakers to jumpstart the planning process
 - Need to outline GSC roles and involvement in the timeline
 - Expectations were not really well established prior to seminar
 - Penelope: establish primary priorities (see below)
 - Establish a separate position within GSC to help with the planning
 - Determine how much student involvement we would like during the speaker's visit
 - Primary Organizers: Gillian Turgeon (Plant Path) and Tara Reed (Plant Bio)
 - Gillian – schedules, room reservations
 - Tara – accommodations and flights/reservations

- Need to reach out to Gillian and Tara months in advance to understand how GSC members can/need to help
 - Penelope: commented that BTI/SIPS seminar speakers should be coordinated to avoid overlapping dates and audience members
- Diversity Preview Weekend
 - Next general body meeting: Wed, November 15th at 5:30pm - Comstock 2123
 - Deadline for applications is December 1st
 - SIPS will be inviting 15 students across all of SIPS Sections
 - E-mail sent to faculty to increase awareness and involvement, but we will send the same thing to students to encourage direct contact with their faculty
 - Larger question: How do we institutionalize this program?
 - Potential topic for meetings with Chris Smart or future GSC Exec Mtgs.

Additional Agenda Items:

- Chris: offered idea originally designed by Chelsea Specht (UC Davis)
 - Maintain a running list of potential post-doc and faculty
 - This list could be used to pull future faculty and seminar speakers
- Morgan: SIPS recruitment weekend has been scheduled for February 8-11th
- Julia is checking the e-mail on a regular basis, and hasn't received any new e-mail.
- We will be adding GSA-specific activities to the calendar. Penelope will be looking into how to integrate a Google Calendar platform to the website.