

## GSO Meeting on 04/08/2021

Presiding: Wei-Lee

Present: Wei-Lee, Carly, Apurva, Daniel Fesenmeier, Daniel Hayes, Daniel Gribble, David, Gaurav, JT, Kurt, Sydney, Bev

Absent: Aidan, Paulina

### Regular updates

First year reps – Daniel and Paulina:

- Timeline on survival guide: Get started on it, focus on qual prep especially to help students taking quals in 2021. Pass on whatever is done to next administration.
  - Qual prep varies by group, type of research etc. How to reconcile that?
    - Compile a range of anecdotes, opinions. That may cover points in different areas/topics
    - It can also include general advice that is common to all students
    - Have Zoom/WebEx call to answer any outstanding queries

Co Curricular - Sydney:

- Reach out to Prof. Narsimhan's students
- Reach out to Dr. Kim for Hobby seminar?

Communications – Gaurav:

- Website updated. Sports, Symposium and Sustainability pages updated.
- Market the dept on Symposium page
- Add names of companies that attended symposium last year

Safety- David:

- ChESS webinar on April 14 by Dr. Sydney Hollingshead, an alumna of Dr. Liu's group and currently a scientist at Cook Biotech. Spread the word!
- No food vouchers unfortunately,

Social – Kurt:

- Coffee Break: Almost no one attended the Zoom link
  - Should we continue this?
    - Maybe have an unofficial outdoor gathering in May.
- In contact with new sales rep (for jackets), more responsive now.

Sustainability- Daniel Gribble:

- Arbor Day event on May 1.
- Send another email about coordinating transport

President- Wei-Lee:

- Create and send out Qualtrics survey on grad student vaccinations
- GSO elections and town hall tentatively on May 10.
- Send Qualtrics survey to gauge interest in GSO positions