

SOBGS Elected Representative Meeting Agenda

October 28, 2021

Virtual; 4:00pm

Present: Celina, Eileen, Brynne, Amalie, Quintin, Katarina, Brad, Lamees, Josh, Jordan, Abbie, Holly, Carly, Josh, Soren, Lamees, Quintin

Regrets: Emma, Andrew, Simone, Kiana, Stefane, Hossein

Absent:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Chair
 - a. Format of SOBGS meetings to come – once a month; mandatory attendance. If absent, provide indication in advance plus committee updates.
 - b. The purpose of each meeting is to share committee updates, solicit feedback, questions and engage in discussion
 - c. Meetings will be online until in-person gathering restrictions are further lifted
 - d. My role: provide support to all executives and organize SOBGS meetings, including time, agenda, taking minutes and distributing minutes
 - e. BGRF is ~1 week away; please attend!
 - f. Still plugging vacancies in SOBGS positions: social committee, outreach committee, alternative SOGS reps
 - g. Faculty meeting: funding application has been submitted for Biotron renovation/repairs. Drama with Med Sci
 - h. Updating the SOBGS website
3. SOGS Committee
 - a. No updates – meeting tonight
4. Treasurer
 - a. Emma has scheduled a meeting with Debb Faulkner to figure out the current financial state of affairs. Budget currently stands from last year's AGM.
5. PSAC Rep
 - a. No big updates
6. Grad Ed Committee
 - a. Discussion: funding stays on par for inflation. WGRS is lagging behind. Handbook to be updated for support resources
7. Seminar Committee
 - a. Trained by last year's reps

SOBGS Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2021

8. Undergrad Ed Committee
 - a. Med Sci: increase enrollment for Med Sci undergrad program (target 800 students) to target 1400 students – large burden to fall on core science faculty. “Proposal” treated Biology/Faculty of Science as second-class to Med Sci
 - b. Visibly ill students may be asked to leave teaching spaces

9. Research Committee
 - a. Move from semesterly grad student-focussed publication to monthly panel (less grad student-focussed)
 - b. Is there enough material for a monthly publication?
 - c. Looking for grad student opinions

10. Outreach Committee
N/A

11. Social Committee
N/A

12. Sustainability Committee
 - a. Nov 7: nature walk; river clean-up
 - b. SOGS sustainability committee coming soon
 - c. Possible events planned – will have to check in with finances

13. AAFC Rep
 - a. No updates – transition report?
 - b. Last year: Nishat Islam or Katelyn Ludba?
 - c. Looking for contact info from AAFC grad students

14. EDI Rep
 - a. No updates
 - b. Soren: connect Quintin and Kiana with EDI Action Network

15. Other Business: In-person social?
General interest for in-person social,, will follow up with Doodle poll