MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Wed. Nov 13. 12:30 PM. LKSC 4TH FLOOR
Agenda

1. Events
2. Recaps and updates
   a. Biosciences Town Hall
   b. New hires in OGE
   c. Grad student advocacy
3. Open floor
Recent SBSA events

October 17  
Poster Session and Happy Hour  
*Frank Buquicchio & Edel McCrea*

October 23  
Biosciences Town Hall  
*Maria Filsinger Interrante & Sedona Murphy*

October 24/25  
1st year Mentorship Lunches  
*Diego Almanza, Alyssa Benjamin, Brenda Velasco*

October 30  
Fall BBQ  
*Edel McCrea*

November 4  
Let’s get coffee  
*Program proposal: Mackenzie Carlson, Sam Gyurdzhyan, Artem Trotskyuk*
Recent meetings

October 30  SBSA/BioAIMS/SMSA/SURPAS leadership meeting

November 1  OGE Advising Dean Interviews

November 5  Committee for Grad Admissions and Policy (CGAP)
Biosciences Town Hall

Topics:
● Mentorship and Faculty/Department Relations
● Mental Health and Wellness
● Diversity and Inclusion
● Affordability and Financial Support

Goals:
● Understand concerns of Biosciences PhD students as they relate to the four selected topic areas
● Solicit suggestions from the community about ways that improvements might be made
Updates from CGAP/OGE

- Moira Kessler, M.D. - Psychiatrist for the School of Medicine mental health team

- Jennifer Cohen, Ph.D. - Associate Director for Biosciences Diversity Programs

- Advising Dean search
Advocacy for grad students

How do we best support and advocate for grad students impacted by disability or chronic illness?

Collaboration w/ BioAIMS, Stanford Medicine Abilities Coalition (SMAC), and Med Students with Disability & Chronic Illness (MSDCI)

Interested? Contact lucyxu@stanford.edu
Advocacy for trainees

Collaboration w/ BioAIMS, SMSA, SURPAS

Common issues:

- Insurance
- Affordability (housing, childcare)
- Transparency
- Mentorship

→ request data from Affordability Assessment

→ explore options other than Cardinal Care
Upcoming SBSA events

November 14  
Fall Lab Share  
*Monica Nesselbush*

November 19  
SoM Faculty Senate

November 21  
GRAMS- graduate researchers, active minds, and science  
*Program proposal: Niki Goularte*

November 21  
SBSA Happy Hour  
*Edel McCrea*

November 23  
Big Game Joint Tailgate w/ Chemistry  
*Edel McCrea*

December 3  
CGAP
Moving from off-campus to on-campus housing next year - how does priority work? Will people be guaranteed housing?

- Lawrence (GSC) has updates from R&DE: based on projected numbers, everyone who is currently off-campus who wants to move on-campus should be able to get a spot. Latest update from R&DE is that housing and parking will be completed on time (August/September 2020). In the lottery, PhD students should still have high priority. Exact order of priority within the PhD students (i.e. new students vs. reassignment to on-campus) is still in the works. Cost of rent for new units is unknown.

International CAs have received notice from GLO that they will be fired at the end of the quarter - CAs are organizing response. Will let SBSA know how we can help.
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