



MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Wed . JULY 24 . 12:30 PM . LKSC 4TH FLOOR

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Agenda

1. Review of SBSA's purpose and role in the Biosciences
2. New leadership introductions
3. Previous SBSA events
4. Upcoming SBSA events
5. Summary of approved summer program proposals
6. Karuna
7. Update on the July School of Medicine Faculty Senate Meeting
8. LKSC 4th floor accessibility updates (new badge reader and balcony access)
9. Update on holistic admissions
10. Open floor for questions and input

SBSA's mission

- It is the belief of the Stanford Biosciences Student Association (SBSA) that each Stanford graduate student is valuable and is capable of realizing a self-defined vision of success.
- The mission of SBSA is to empower Biosciences graduate students to make the most of our graduate experience by building a united community, promoting student wellness and happiness, facilitating student-run programs, and advancing student interests.

What we do

- Monthly meetings
 - Venue to discuss graduate issues in the Biosciences
- Program proposals
 - Fund student-run proposals to improve graduate life
- Social Events
 - Happy hours, BBQs, holiday parties, movie nights, etc.
 - 1st year POWR camping trip
- Home Program Representatives
 - Represent the different Biosciences home programs by voting on program proposals and assisting in social events
- Mentorship
 - Pair 1st years with upper year students to help with the transition to graduate school
 - NSF and NDSEG fellowship assistance
- Advocacy
 - SBSA leadership advocates for Bioscience students in OGE, CGAP, SoM faculty senate, and GSC

SBSA Officers 2019-2020

Exec Board

Co-Presidents - Lucy Xu and Brooks Benard

Vice President - Jason Rodencal

Financial Officer - Josh Eggold

Communications Officer - Candace Liu

CGAP Representative - Julie Ko

Special Chairs

Social Chair - Edel McCrea

First year Mentorship Chair - Alyssa Benjamin, Diego Almanza, Brenda Velasco

Fellowship Mentoring Chair - Hayley Raquer, Meagan Hamblin

Camping Trip Coordinator - Tyler Benster, Alvin Han

Orientation/Recruitment Chair - Frank Buquicchio

Alumni Liaison/SOAR Chair - Jack Silberstein, Monica Nesselbush

Wellness Chair - Brittany Flowers

Home Program Reps

Biochemistry - Stephanie Kabeche

Bioengineering - Nina Horowitz

Biology – CMOB - Alex Adams

Biology – Eco Evo - Priscilla San Juan

Biomedical Informatics -

Biophysics - Bryce Bagley

Cancer Biology - Diego Almanza

Chemical and Systems Biology - Nalin Ratnayeke

Developmental Biology - Vy Nguyen

Genetics - Pagé Goddard, Daniel Cotter

Immunology - Frank Buquicchio

MCP - Suzanna Bennett

M&I - Alvin Han

Neurosciences - Tyler Benster, Avery Krieger

Stem Cell Biology - Julien Roth

Health Research and Policy - Tara Templin

Epidemiology and Clinical Research

Structural Biology

Recent SBSA Events

- May 21** **Fieldwork Research Ethics**
Suzanne Ou
- May 23** **SBSA Spring BBQ**
Brooks Benard
- May 31** **GRAMS**
Niki Goularte
- June 7+26** **Interdisciplinary Journal Club**
Nasa Sinnott-Armstrong and Hannah Moots
- June 21** **Summer Program Proposals Review**
HPRs and Jason Rodencal
- June 26+27** **Debate Viewing**
Stanford Science Policy Group
- July 16** **ADVANCE diversity resource mixer**
Brooks Benard and Lucy Xu
- July 16** **School of Medicine faculty senate meeting**
Brooks Benard and Lucy Xu
- July 20** **Summer Games Social event**
Noah Greenwald



Upcoming SBSA events

- July 26** **ADVANCE/SBSA joint happy hour - (5-7pm, LKSC lawn)**
Edel McCrea
- July 29** **GRAMS - (2:15-5:15pm, The Terraces in Los Altos)**
Niki Goularte
- July 30 & 31** **Science Policy Bites hosts a Democratic debate viewing event - (5-7pm Bass 122)**
Roshni Patel
- August 4** **SBSA leadership retreat**
Lawrence Bai and Julie Ko

Summer Program Proposals

Title	Summary	Date	Location
SBSA Summer Sports	Fun games and drinks in the summer sun with fellow bioscientists	July 20th	Willis Lounge, Rains
Science Policy Bites	A forum for the Stanford scientific community to discuss policy issues that impact or are informed by science	July 30-31 September 12-13	Bass 122
Food for SARA Office Hours!	SARA provides invaluable support around sexual assault and relationship abuse	First event was June 27th but ongoing, uncertain of exact dates	SoM D-CORE
Community Discussion on Promoting Diversity in the Biosciences	Dr. Kelly Ramirez, a biologist at the Netherlands Institute for Ecology and pioneer in efforts to diversify science	October 27th	TBD
At the intersection of art + science: a watercolor workshop with David Goodsell	Two 12-person workshops where you learn to draw your own science-themed watercolor	September 14th	TBD

Karunā

- The wellbeing platform that takes a community data-driven approach to diagnosing and reversing the student mental health crisis in higher education.
- Join summer pilot by texting “Karuna” to (855) 340-9055
- Goals of this summer pilot:
 - Gather a summer baseline for comparison once we launch to the broader student body this fall.
 - Refine and improve the experience of using Karuna on a daily basis based on your feedback.
 - Develop individual and community wellbeing reports that help you understand your wellbeing, get insights from your peers and activate a shift in the way students and the administration prioritize and support student wellbeing.

July SoM Faculty Senate meeting

- Paul King, president and CEO of Lucile Packard Children's hospital
 - Vision of pediatrics at Stanford
- David Entwistle, president and CEO of Stanford Healthcare
 - Update on the new hospital
 - Cost of medicine in CA
- David Drover
 - Faculty senate bylaws



LKSC 4th floor accessibility update

- Balcony access
 - Currently locked after 8pm
 - Proposed event-specific access request
- Badge reader for graduate room
 - We have a grad room!
 - Issues with being locked out
 - Officially approved
 - New students will be added but current students who want access will need to submit a request

Holistic Admissions Mini-Course Fall 2019

- Mini-course has been approved--Hurray!
- **Fall 2019: Dec 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th (Mon, Wed) from 3pm-6pm**
 - Just two weeks, 4 workshops!
- Please be on the lookout for a **student survey** on essential graduate student traits & current state of admissions processes in the Biosciences
- Meeting notes:
 - Send survey to faculty to determine faculty priorities?
 - BioAIMS Advocacy Chair Maria will talk to students and faculty from each home program
 - Diversity stats - more effort to hire data scientists because other schools are doing it
 - Inter-school cooperation opportunity (similar to tax scare)

Open floor for questions/input