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## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Thu . Oct 17 . 12:30 PM . LKSC 4TH FLOOR

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# Agenda

1. Welcome to SBSA!
2. Events
3. Recap of SoM Faculty Senate
4. Open floor



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## Stanford Biosciences Student Association

Representing graduate students from biology-related fields in the School of Medicine, the School of Humanities and Sciences, and the School of Engineering.



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# Resources



## The Biomedical Association for the Interest of Minority Students (BioAIMS)

SBSA works closely with BioAIMS, with joint efforts in events and advocacy.

[BioAIMS >](#)



## Resources at Stanford

BioAIMS maintains a very thorough list of Stanford organizations and programs that are available for Biosciences graduate students.

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## Housing

What do Biosciences grad students really think about their housing options? Learn more about student housing.

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## Finances

What is money?

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## Transportation

Learn about transportation options around campus and the Bay Area. Preferably not in an ambulance Stanford Med just offers a very limited choice of icons

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## Navigating Grad School

Guides, articles, and more about how to be successful in every part of grad school.

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## Shopping Needs

Where to get your groceries and material goods.

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## OGE Travel Grant

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# Recent SBSA Events

**September 26**

**Ice Cream Happy Hour**

*Edel McCrea*

**September 26**

**Orientation/Welcome Dinner**

**October 3**

**Biosciences Activities and Resource Fair (BARF)**

*Frank Buquicchio, Pagé Goddard/BioAIMS*

**October 4**

**NSF Personal Statement Workshop**

*Meagan Hamblin + Hayley Raquer*

**October 8**

**Committee for Grad Admissions and Policy (CGAP)**

**October 15**

**SoM Faculty Senate**



# BARF





# Upcoming SBSA events

**Today!** 4-6pm

Alway courtyard

**Poster Session and Happy Hour**

*Frank Buquicchio & Edel McCrea*

**October 23**

**Biosciences Town Hall**

*With BioAIMS*

**October 24/25**

**1st year Mentorship Lunches**

*Diego Almanza, Alyssa Benjamin, Brenda Velasco*

**October 30**

**Fall BBQ**

*Edel McCrea*

**November 14**

**Fall Lab Share**

*Monica Nesselbush*

# SoM Faculty Senate, Oct 15

“a discussion on issues facing basic science students in the School of Medicine...We would like to hear your issues and perspectives on any topic related to your experiences at Stanford.”

Kim DeBruler (SMSA) - 30 min

Brooks + Lucy (SBSA) - 30 min

# What we presented:

## Concerns of Biosciences PhD students

- Affordability
  - Housing, cost of living, Cardinal Care, Vaden
- Mental health
  - New SoM-specific hires, CAPS, being proactive vs. reactionary
- Advisor-student relationship
  - Mandatory training in management/conflict resolution, avenues for student feedback/complaints/reporting
- Diversity and inclusion
  - Especially at faculty and leadership levels

# Discussion points and open questions

- Some of these issues also come up from med students, and probably postdocs too
  - → We have contacted BioAIMS, SMSA, and SURPAS to collaborate
- What is the best way to hear student concerns about advisors?
  - A separate out-of-department faculty advisor? Your thesis committee?
  - Junior faculty do have some trainings
  - Letters from all past and current trainees are solicited when faculty are up for promotion/tenure, are confidential, and are taken seriously
  - Anonymous feedback is difficult
- Is there a Biosciences disabilities student org?
  - Peter Poulos (Radiology; Stanford Medicine Abilities Coalition) would be open to advising

**Biosciences Town Hall:** next Wed, Oct 23 @ 5:30pm in LK101

**Open floor for questions/input**