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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

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

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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 Trotsyuk

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

Open floor

Topics discussed:

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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