Re: General meeting

A. Progress so far this semester:
   1. Homeless Stand Down 2012
      a. January 22, 2012
   2. Professional Development Event #1: Lynne Bianchi
   3. Professional Development Event #2: McKinsey consulting firm
      a. February 10
   4. Professional Development Event #3: Dr. Wanda Kuperus, MD State
      Police Forensic Sciences Division
      a. February 17
   5. Professional Development Event #4: “How to write an NRSA?”
      a. (Trainee perspective) March 14, 2012

B. Upcoming Events
   A. Professional Development #5: “Graphics for Presentation” (Yotam)
      a. Dr. Paul Fox (LRI)
      b. April 11, 2012: 12:30-1:30
   B. Professional Development #6: “Networking” (Yotam)
      a. April 25
      b. Got confirmation from Drs. Jeff Coller, Kristian Baker, Andrea
         Ladd, Ahmad Khalil
      c. Booked room (W428) from 12:30-1:30
   C. Other Professional Development: “Faculty perspective on NRSA”
      a. Loren is still looking for someone to speak
   D. Social committee
      a. Social event - Christina and Sharon
I. ~$200
   II. Sometime in late May (after end of classes)?
   III. Thursday afternoon?
   IV. In Wolstein Library
   b. Lab Olympics – Jess
      I. Early- to mid-August (right after new students come in, and before classes start)?
   c. "Penny Wars" – Christina and Sharon
      I. End of semester

C. Symposia
   1. GSS Student Symposium was today
      a. BGSS is coming up
         I. May 9
         II. Polly Matzinger
   2. Grad Student Appreciation Week
      a. 20% off at BRB cafeteria
      b. Grad Night Out at Corner Alley
         I. April 5, 2012; 7-11pm

D. GSS Updates
   1. Next GSS meeting: Thursday, April 12 at 4-5:30pm
      a. Toepfer Room of Adelbert Hall
      b. Fill out GSS Veale Athletic Facilities survey and enter to win $100 VISA gift card

E. ASBMB Career Panel at UPitt
   1. American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: “What can I do with my PhD?”
   2. Friday, May 4, 2012; 9:45am-5:30pm
   3. Free registration and lunch
   4. Academia, Writing, Law and Policy, and Industry panels
   5. ASBMB will reimburse fuel costs for carpools (3+)

F. Volunteering
   1. Judson Retirement Home – any interest?

G. Ideas to improve the organization
   1. Assigning task forces
   2. Attracting first-years -> early events
   3. Updating BGSO website and Facebook page

H. Officer nominations