Secretary: Yotam Blech-Hermoni
Date: 12/8/2011

Attending:  Yotam Blech-Hermoni  ynb4
               Jessica Perez  jmp229
               Sharon Rymut  smr49
               Luke Berry  lab139
               Christina Antonopoulous  cha19
               Rebecca James  rej10
               Yianna Antonopoulous  iha
               Nick Schmandt  nts21
               Dan Mitchell  dbm55
               Mike Mullins
               Loren Schmidt
               DaShawn Hickman  dah121
               Grant Zimmerman  gzx76

Re: General meeting

A. Recent events:
   I. BGSO Student Lunch (for 1st year students)
      a. “Choosing a thesis lab”
      b. November 9 (11AM in W428)
      c. Pizza lunch
      d. ~10 first-years attended (panel of 7 upper level students)

   II. Community Service Opportunity
      a. Fall Saturday of Service (November 12)
         i. Helped seniors make Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday crafts

B. Upcoming events:
   I. Community Service
      a. Homeless Stand Down 2012
         i. Organized by InterAct Cleveland and HandsOn Northeast Ohio
         ii. Sunday, January 22, 2012 (7am-3pm)
         iii. Need to put together a team: Yianna will send out a sign up sheet
         iv. Committee Chairs (for this event, for now): Jessica and Sharon

   II. Professional & Skills Development Seminar possibilities:
      A. Goal: Work out a semester-long seminar series and assign students to take charge of inviting speakers and organizing events
B. Dr. Wanda Kuperus (MD State Police Forensic Sciences Division)  
(recommended by Kristian Baker)  
a. Has been slow to respond (will have to be in January or later)  
b. Still need to discuss logistics, honorarium, etc.  

C. Lynne Bianchi, PhD  
a. Neuroscientist at Regeneron; Prof and chair at Oberlin College  
b. To speak on acquiring position at undergrad research college  
c. Point person: Yotam  
d. Date: Maybe January (check with speaker for availability)  

D. Additional topics:  
a. “How to use EndNOTE” –Yianna and Marc DePaul from Neuroscience  
b. Yianna working with Thomas Matthews (from Career Center)  
   to bring in someone from McKinsey  
c. “How to write an NRSA grant: A student’s perspective” –Loren  
   (date: Jan – Feb)  
d. “How to network” –Yotam (date: TBA)  

III. Doc Opera  
A. Saturday, December 10 (7-9:30PM); After-party to follow  
B. Lakewood Civic Auditorium (14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood)  
C. Cost: $15 per student (money goes to Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland)  

IV. GSS Updates  
A. New Graduate Student Symposium  
a. Hosted by GSS (to replace ShowCase)  
b. Will take place during Graduate Student Appreciation Week (in April)  
c. Abstract deadline: January 30, 2012  
B. Biomedical Graduate Student Symposium  
a. May 9, 2012  
C. Uptown Project  
a. Apartments and shopping venues (under construction near The Triangle)  
D. GSS is working on a resolution (with the undergraduate student body) to improve Veale facilities/hours  
E. GSS Activities Committee  
a. Outing to “Hilarities” comedy club- January 27th  
b. Performing: Kevin Nealon  
c. Cost: $10...? (discounted from $28)  

Next BGSO meeting: January 12, 2012