Secretary: Yotam Blech-Hermoni  
Date: 5/16/2012

Re: General meeting

A. Year-end roundup:
   1. Hosted pizza social at Barking Spider for first-years  
      a. July
   2. Presented BGSO poster at BSTP orientation  
      a. July and August
   3. Hosted three new-student lunches  
      a. "Surviving grad school" 8/17  
      b. "C3MB and Rotations" 8/31  
      c. "Choosing a thesis lab" 11/9
   4. Hosted BGSO picnic at Forest Hill Park  
      a. August
   5. Helped with SOM blood drives  
      a. September and November
   6. Fall Saturday of Service  
      a. November
   7. Fall social at Blind Pig  
      a. September (raised $340)
   8. Held student panels for BSTP candidates  
      a. February and March
   9. Homeless Stand Down  
      a. January
10. Professional Development Event #1: Lynne Bianchi  

11. Professional Development Event #2: McKinsey consulting firm  
a. February 10

12. Professional Development Event #3: Dr. Wanda Kuperus, MD State Police Forensic Sciences Division)  
a. February 17

13. Professional Development Event #4: “How to write an NRSA?”  
i. (Trainee perspective) March 14, 2012

14. “Graphics for presentations”  
ii. Paul Fox; April

15. “Networking; what is it?”  
iii. April

16. Relay for life  
iv. April

B. Upcoming Events  
1. Spring Social at the Blind Pig  
a. May 18, 2012: 10pm – midnight  
b. $10 tickets (pre-sale at BRB from noon to 1pm all week); also available at the door  
c. Tickets include unlimited draft beer, well drinks, and pizza

C. Next few months  
1. Additional fundraisers  
a. Penny war – between departments or years (sometime in July)

2. Lab Olympics (in the summer – when new students are in)

3. Food competition and/or bake sale

4. New student acclimation events  
a. Social (at Barking Spider) in July  
b. Welcome picnic in August
D. Things to keep in mind
   1. Keep your eye on the budget
      a. GSS and Office of Grad Education (Alison Hall) helped a lot!
         i. Send thank-you cards?
      b. Assign committee chairs/people in charge of specific events
      c. Encourage first- and second-years to get involved

E. Descriptions of officer positions
   • President: Oversees all operations, runs monthly meetings, books room for meetings
   • Vice President: prepares presentations for meetings. Assists president.
   • Secretary: Takes notes during meetings and records minutes. Creates flyers for meetings/events and helps advertise them.
   • Treasurer: Keeps an eye on account and reports budget status at meetings. Brings snacks to meetings.

F. New officers
   1. President – Yotam Blech-Hermoni
   2. Vice President – Sharon Rymut
   3. Secretary: Callie Merry
   4. Treasurer – Christina Antonopoulos

G. “Event Leaders”
   a. Pizza social – Christina and Nick
   b. First-year picnic – Christina and Nick
   c. “Surviving grad” – Christina
   d. “C3MB and Rotations” - ?
   e. “Choosing a thesis lab” – Loren
   f. BSTP student panels - ?
   g. Social events and fundraising - Yashi