BGSO Meeting 9/28/07

Heather Mason-Suares introduces BGSO

Morgan asks how many meetings per semester that BGSO is going to hold

Decide on meeting times—4:15 pm on Tuesdays, the last week of each month

How will people vote in this time of transition?
--most departments have representatives?
--we need representatives from each department
--two representatives from each department?

What will we be voting on?
--agenda, committee formations

What is the relationship between this group and GSS?
--cooperative
--President of BGSO will sit on the GSS
--Dr. Hall pointed out that our organization could evolve to parallel

Morgan asked if we will have an invited member from the MSTP program—how will these volunteers be chosen?
--Heather answered that some people have already volunteered
--We can vote on if they have their own representation/voting rights
--We need to be cautious about wording

There are 230 master’s degree students—how will we address their needs?
--biomedical engineering, biomedical ethics
--we can contact departments
--Allison Hall’s assistant has information on all the different grad programs
--MS students could hold a position if their department is not already represented

How will the voting happen?
--does everyone vote?
--or do we have designated representatives?
--we will vote at the next meeting—with options presented

Current programs run by the GSS
--please volunteer for PFF and mentoring committees

Our issues
--interdisciplinary training
--fellowship courses—not physical education, doesn’t pertain to your major
--alumni involvement
--update web page, monthly newsletter
--other programs, etc.

Other suggestions for issues:
--Denise Douglas—combined happy hour

Dr. Hall’s suggestion—survival guide

We need two big goals for the year:

It was voted that:
1. career development
2. Survival guide

Would be our major emphasis, while:
3. newsletter
4. Interactions between MD and Graduate students
Would also have committees but not the major emphasis.
Alison Hall—meets with graduate program directors every month
Alison Hall -suggested that we talk to a new faculty committee headed by ELAINE A.
BORAWSKI, PH.D. at the SOM—a new standing committee that includes promotions/tenure,
and education for graduate programs