**Council of Biomedical Graduate Students**

**8/28/2014 Meeting Agenda**

**Location: HEB229A**

**Start Time: 8:01am**

**Attendance:**

Jennifer Ohtola, President

Anita Iyer, Vice President

Adam Blatt, Secretary

Carmen Mitchell, Treasurer

Adaeze Izuogu, IIT Track Representative

Amanda Blaker, NND Track Representative

Franz Corrales, CAB Track Representative

Brian Youseff, MD/PhD Representative

Matthew Ellis, Pharmacy Representative

Dr. Kandace Williams, Faculty Advisor

Dr. Rande Worth, Faculty Advisor

**I. Call to Order**

1. Introduction of new pharmacy representative to council

**II. Old Business**

1. CBGS Graduate Student Picnic
   1. Jennifer commented that she thought it went very well
   2. First year students seemed to enjoy having the picnic earlier in the year (and combining it with orientation)
2. Orientation Events
   1. Good turn-out at information fair
   2. Jennifer made an appearance at Lab Coat Ceremony
3. 1st Year Rep Position
   1. Position is now open – deadline for letter of intent is Friday, September 12th, 5pm
   2. Will just have one representative (not one for Master’s and one for PhD programs)
4. GSA Rep Position
   1. Matthew submitted application
   2. College of Medicine still needs a representative – Anita will apply
5. BGEC Meeting
   1. There will be peer leaders that aid students with classes
   2. New spring course: Scientific Communication and Career Goals
6. Career Forum
   1. HEB105 - reserved
   2. October 24th, 5-6:30pm
      1. **Let Jennifer know ahead of time if you cannot make it!**
7. 2016 Graduate Research Forum speaker ranking
   1. #1 David Baltimore
   2. #2 James Rothman
   3. #3 Andrew Fire
   4. #4 J. Michael Bishop
   5. #5 Rafi Ahmed
   6. #6 James Allison
   7. #7 Glenn Dranoff
   8. #8 John Mascola
   9. #9 Stephan Schuster
   10. #10 Oliver Smithies

**III. New Business**

1. International Student Office – HSC hours
   1. International students have been having problems communicating with International Student Office and getting paperwork sign
      1. Suggest having specified hours for International Student Office on HSC campus
         1. Dr. Williams will bring up with Dr. Sawicki
   2. International students were charged for TB tests – Dr. Williams is working on getting them reimbursed and will fix problem for next year
2. Constitution/Bylaws amendments
   1. Changes to constitution approved by council – unanimous vote
   2. Changes to by-laws approved by council – unanimous vote
3. Council member contact list
   1. **Send information to Adam within one week – Lab number, extension to call the lab, and cell phone**
4. Fall semester social event(s)
   1. Designate planners
      1. **Brian and Anita – will take the lead on planning Zoo lights**
      2. **Plan a football game – Jennifer**
         1. Check with GSA to see if they have a tailgate
      3. Planetarium?
5. Should students in the Master of Science in Biomedical Human Donation Science program be included in the CBGS?
   1. Conclusion: No. Other programs are already self-governed and we do not need to over-extend ourselves.

**IV. Adjournment**

**Next meeting Thursday September 18th at 8am**

**End Time: 9:01am**