**Council of Biomedical Graduate Students**

**10/15/2015 Meeting Agenda**

Location: HEB 233

Start Time: 8:00am

Present:

Adam Blatt-President

Brain Youseff-Vice President

Kaitlyn Dvorak-Secretary

Adaeze Izuogu-Treasurer

Jessica Saul-McBeth- Risk Assessment Officer

Saad Moledina- IIT Representative

Sravan Perla- CVMD Representative

Tupa Basuroy- CAB Representative

Dr. Kandace Williams- Faculty Advisor

Dr. Jennifer Hill- Faculty Advisor

I. Call to Order

II. Old Business

1. Career Forum – October 9th 5-7pm
	1. Set-up was a better feel in 100/110 compared to past years
	2. 49 students attended with 45 RSVPs
	3. Exceeded food budget by $30, Gift budget under by $10, Travel reimbursement amount pending
2. Cedar Point - September 26th
	1. Everything went great!! Thanks Latrice and Erin for organizing and Dr. Williams for funding travel!
	2. Improvements could be made on the bus route if event repeats
3. 2016 Graduate Research Forum – March 17-18
	1. Dr. Zhou has been contacted about flights
		1. Itinerary pending
	2. Room reservations finalized
4. 2017 GRF guest speaker invitations
	1. On to Dr. James Bradner (Tupa)
		1. Contact deadline extended due to Tupa and Dr. Bradner attending the same conference next week
5. First year representative – Gayatri
	1. Congratulation Gayatri!

III. New Business

1. Social events for fall/winter
	1. Sandpiper cruise (Adam)
		1. Season is nearing an end; Adam’s looking into private tours
	2. Brainstorm other ideas
		1. GSA is hosting a Fall Mixer-more details pending
		2. Possible Walleye’s game- could potential get group ticket pricing
2. Preliminary talks about 2016 GRF
	1. Abstract submission timeline: Email instructions-11/2/15; Registration AND abstract submission- 11/30/15-1/22/16
	2. Checking last year’s survey for suggestions/critics
3. COM Faculty meeting with Dr. Gaber on 10/22
	1. Dr. Williams is inviting BMSP students for a chance to ask Dr. Gaber pressing questions
4. GSA COM representatives
	1. Congratulations Ada and Tupa!
5. BGS meeting update:
	1. Student travel funding is indefinitely “on hold”
	2. Funding for career speakers up for debate
	3. Defense announcements will no longer be emailed
		1. Posted on COGS website
		2. Reps please notify your track students to notify Marianne Pohlman (HSB 4th floor in-fill) on defense dates and important info- will be distributed to the appropriate parties
6. Student Recognition
	1. Suggestion brought to the council of bringing back student recognition/awards
	2. Dr. Williams working information into her report to Dean Cooper pertaining to a new “Non-graduating” annual student award.

Next meeting- November 19th, 2015

\*GSA November meeting, the Tuesday before CBGS

IV. Adjournment

End Time: 9:15am