

Meeting Date: 28th October, 2019

Meeting Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Meeting Location: BI192 (Biological Sciences, Floor 1, Room 192)

Agenda

1. Introductions & Welcome (6:00pm- 6:10pm)
 - a. Introduction of the committee and its role
 - b. Introduction of the Program Representatives roles and responsibilities
 - i. Schedule for presentations (Discuss what you like, don't like, and want to see with your program)
 1. 2 presentations per month (twice a year for each)
 2. November Meeting: General Bio, Zoology
 3. December: Biochemistry, Ecology
 4. January: Plant Bio, CMMB
2. Review of Last year
 - a. Want to improve consistency of committee meetings
 - b. Send out agenda early to make it more flexible
 - c. BSA was fully restructured, grew, more events and initiatives, Club of the Year
3. Departmental Updates (6:10pm - 6:20pm)
 - a. Restructuring of Biological Sciences Program
 - i. Adding concentrations to BioSci program. Still pending final decisions, looking for more student input in the future. Currently considering Biodiversity and Conservation, Health and Environment, Genomics, Integrative Biology, etc. as possible options. Process to take ~4 years. Similar to Natural Science concentrations.
 - ii. Would like to add some kind capstone-like project to all degrees (group projects, etc.)
4. Update on Internships and Cooperative Programs (6:20pm - 6:30pm)
 - a. First year that the Faculty of Science Internship is being offered, as a trial period (waiting to see how it goes for first year). Open to all science students, some pre-approved positions, must do own work to find partners. Still pending full approval, not yet open. When opens, promotional materials will be set up and distributed. USC can be contacted for more details.
5. BSA Events Update (6:30pm - 6:45pm)

- a. Academic Events
 - i. Choose your major night
 1. Monday, January 20th
 2. Good variety of questions (both positive and negative aspects)
 - a. Could collect questions to ask beforehand (social media, google form, etc.?)
 - ii. Research Night
 1. Will be posted as a D2L item. November 6th in the Engg lounge. Lots of professors, more interdisciplinary, less engg. Give tips/guidelines on contacting professors + more information on research.
 - b. Social Events
 - i. Dodge with Deans
 1. Collab with FASA, Arts Dean and one of our Associate Deans will participate, snacks, etc.
 - ii. Board Game Night
 1. Sometime around week after reading week
 - iii. Movie Night
 1. Rent equipment from TFDL if possible, deciding on location (simple lecture hall would work, but not particularly exciting.) Contact alisha about how/where to set up.
 2. That empty space
6. Sponsorship Guidelines (6:45pm - 6:50pm)
 - a. Talk to Dean's office first before reaching out to companies (Nancy Chibri) about sponsoring guidelines and outreach. Also talk to Nancy about funding from the Faculty of Science. Meeting to be set up
 7. Awards:
 - a. Same awards as last year, process will be around January-March
 - b. Looking into getting awards sponsored, maybe some kind of gift card/award.
 8. Wrap-Up/Conclusion (6:50pm - 7:00pm)
 - a. Next Meeting November 18th, 6-7