

Meeting Date: 19th November, 2019

Meeting Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

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

Minutes

1. Introductions & Welcome (5:30pm- 5:35pm)
2. Program overview by the Program Representatives (5:35pm - 5:50pm)
 - a. General Biological Sciences:
 - i. What do you like about your program?
 1. Good for developing variety of soft skills (teamwork, project, communication skills, etc) to address a wide variety of course formats throughout the department. Good flexibility for those not set on a specific field.
 - ii. What do you not like about your program?
 1. Little guidance on course selection after 2nd year, difficult to plan ahead based on interest, not much information available, getting into desired classes can be difficult.
 - iii. What do you hope to see?
 1. Courses more focused on general bio itself, specializations that span a wide variety of courses, including interdepartmental options. Bioethics course would be a good addition.
 - b. Zoology:
 - i. What do you like about your program?
 1. Relatively broad subject matter which gives good flexibility, research options are wide-ranging, good faculty-student relationship
 - ii. What do you not like about your program?
 1. Formatting/scheduling degree can be difficult due to prof retirement and classes not always being available, information on class availability is not readily obtainable
 - iii. What do you hope to see?
 1. Class offering schedule, information on career options/networking events/field trips to connect with industry.
3. Departmental Updates (5:50pm - 6:05pm)
 - a. Questions: Are you finding that you have more midterms than before?

- i. Depends on courses, might be based on course specificity/scheduling. Workload can be heavy with assignments/midterm deadlines being very cramped together within/between classes
- 4. Update on Internships and Cooperative Programs & General Updates from the SU (6:05pm - 6:15pm)
 - a. Information events are now available, hoping for more detailed information soon to make program details available to students. Applications are open, info will be going up on d2i/BSA website soon. Students must find employers, but the program will give advising and support.
- 5. BSA Events Update (6:30pm - 6:45pm)
 - a. Academic and Professional Events
 - i. Research Night
 - ii. Choose your major night
 - 1. In addition to core event from last year, provide information from Dr. Chua's event, information brochure, information on what degrees are like since the first specialized courses are not taken until 2nd semester of 2nd year.
 - iii. Review Sessions
 - b. Social Events
 - i. Board Game Night/social event
 - 1. Next Wednesday, 5:30-7, Cassio A/B
 - ii. KCC Charity Gala
 - 1. Working with the same charity, March 28th, looking to get one of the Mac Hall rooms. Bake sales to help raise funds
 - iii. Telus volunteer
 - 1. Reached out to us for volunteers for their adults nights
- 6. BSA Awards and Course Profiles Updates (6:15pm - 6:25pm)
- 7. Wrap-Up/Conclusion (6:25pm - 6:30pm)