

July 14th 2004

Old Business

1. Secretary's Report – Joy ill, therefore, skipped.
2. Treasurer's Report – Current account balance is \$7187.96. Catherine worked out a GSC budget... should break even for the year. Lab coats ordered and have mostly arrived.
3. Social Report – ChemE mixer went well, but not well enough advertised. Future possibilities include an outdoor activity (kickball?) with the Grad Bio School (GBS) council or other related departments.
4. VP Report – Health insurance update \$150 annual deductible, \$100 prescription deductible. GSAS summer social events discussed. Newsletter ready by Sept?

New Business

1. Student seminar series – positive feedback :)
 - a. Journal club only likely to be successful if: a) it doesn't meet very often, b) it involves free food and c) faculty make it a requirement for their students.
2. Student-invited speaker
 - a. Bioanalytic committee has several names and will be speaking to Landers about inviting someone in the spring.
 - b. Medicinal committee will meet in the next month or so to compile a list of potential speakers. Check out www.uark.edu/campus-resources/mcintosh/organiclinks.html for info on potential speakers.
3. Welcoming new students
 - a. First year party at Chris Mocella's house on Aug 28th. Jess and Dan are organizing the party.
 - b. Chris will be in charge of orientation activities since Heather will be out of town.
4. 2nd summer picnic
 - a. Tuesday Aug 17th with rain date Aug 18th
 - b. Get coolers from Marshall lab, grad student mailroom, and Mocella.
 - c. Buy more hot dogs, but no plates, napkins or forks.
 - d. Order a cake for faculty/staff appreciation.
5. King's Dominion trip – Saturday October 2nd. GSC will subsidize the cost (\$34.50) for students and faculty so it's \$20 per person. Friends and family welcome.
6. Website update – There's a new message board and the minutes have been updated.
7. Student-faculty bonding activities – Catherine is buying a volleyball net. Possibly department picnic next spring with a student faculty softball game?
8. Misc – Cell phone drive is going well (> phones collected so far). We'll be selling t-shirts with lab coats in the fall.
9. Recruiting ideas

- a. Faculty should contact (call/email) accepted students to express interest in their attendance.
- b. Try to target local/small colleges where most of our students seem to come from... give lectures there and sell!
- c. Improve organization of the prospective weekend in the following ways:
 - i. Send out a form before students arrive and have them indicate what their area(s) of interest are and which professors they'd like to meet with.
 - ii. Create individual schedules for each prospective to ensure they meet with a sufficient number of faculty. n.b. GSC is more than willing to collect the surveys and create the schedules.
 - iii. Offer an optional activity Saturday morning to allow grad students, faculty and prospectives to interact socially while showing them the highlights of the area (e.g., Monticello?).
 - iv. Find a better way to handle the lunch on Friday.
- d. Graduate students should contact their undergraduate schools and send flyers, ask to speak in front of the majors, etc. to sell UVA.