Members Present: Haley Capek, Tara Nordgren, Trevor Hedman, Agnes Constantino, Stephanie Kraft-Terry, Briana Ormsbee, Jessica Hutter, Sam Erb, Katrina Burchett, and Mike Gleason. Heidi Johnson presided.

Please vote for the student senate today and tomorrow.

Please tell James when you have posted a blog so that he can approve it.

Halloween party:
  • There was a good turn out (58 people signed in) and we increased our petty cash fund significantly.
  • The winners of the costume contest were:
    Best overall costume: Lynn’s group, Monty Python and the Holy Grail
    Best homemade costume: Tara Nordgren as Rainbow Bright
    Scariest costume: Jason Snodgrass as a zombie
  • Please forward any pictures from the party to Tess Eidem so that they can be posted on the GSA website.

We have three upcoming seminars:
  • Speaker from the Henry Doorly Zoo
    - Nadia Loskutoff, PhD. - Reproductive Physiologist
    - Title: TBA
    - 11/13/2008; Noon; DRC 1002
    - Food provided on a first-come basis
    - Agnes is taking her to lunch afterwards. We need 3 volunteers to go with her.
  • Speaker from the CDC
    - Harvey Holmes – Chief, Laboratory Response Branch, Division of Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response, Atlanta, GA
    - Discussion of research activities within the Division of Bioterrorism, the type of candidates and qualifications we seek, as well as career paths at the CDC based on his own experiences.
    - Initially scheduled date: 12/4/08, Noon
    - Itinerary needs finalized – James and Haley
  • Speaker from UCSF
    - Bill Lindstaedt, MS – Director, Office of Career and Professional Development, University of California, San Francisco
• Tentatively scheduled for February, preferably after the 15th
• Will cover topics including:
  o When to use a CV vs. a resume
  o How to get your CV into the ‘talk-to’ pile
  o Job hunting, a “how-to” strategy
• Will have time to schedule one-on-one or group sessions to discuss your CVs

Dr. Rizzino might do a workshop on writing next semester, or we might have someone from UniMed speak.

A new Blackboard “course/organization”
• Graduate Studies has suggested that students will begin to use Blackboard to submit important documents. These include aspects of the Fellowship/Assistantship competition, committee meeting minutes, portfolio, etc.
• Should be implemented soon, so that students can submit their letters of intent for the F/A competition online (Due Dec 15th)
• Demonstration scheduled for December meeting

The deadline for MSBRF abstract submission is December 16th.
• If you are going to give an oral presentation, you need to use a P.C. with Office 2007. Mac’s will not work.
• Figures in power point presentations needs to be in jpeg format.