

# Graduate Student Organization Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, September 6, 2005

- I. *Welcome to all new Graduate Students!*
- II. *Approval of August 2, 2005 Meeting Minutes*
  - a. *Motion – Leslie Moody*
  - b. *Second – Kimberly Wilson*
- III. *Removal of "In Absentia" Option – Sue Harjo and Nancy McKinney*
  - a. *For DBS only the option of "In Absentia" while on site has been eliminated. For non-DBS there is no change.*
- IV. *Program Representative Appointments*
  - Biological Chemistry – Erin Hogan and Arif Jivan
  - Biomedical Communications - empty**
  - Biomedical Engineering - empty**
  - Cell Regulation – Mark Chen and Anne Marie Corgan
  - Clinical Psychology – Dani Binengar**
  - Division of Basic Sciences – Paul Dutchak, Rachel Greer, and Sunbola Ashimi**
  - Genetics and Development – Andrew Williams and Abdullah Shiato
  - Immunology – Leslie Moody and Elizabeth Cameron
  - Integrative Biology – Kristen Evaul and Eric Johnson
  - Molecular Biophysics – Mike Brinkman and Rahul Shah
  - Molecular Microbiology – Traci Kinkel and Melanie Yarbrough
  - Neuroscience – John Self and Brandon Hall
  - Radiological Sciences – empty**
  - Rehabilitation Counseling – empty**
- V. *Approval of Budget*

Items	Proposed budget	Items	Proposed budget
1) Meetings	\$3,500.00	6) Volunteer Activities	\$125.00
2) ULS	\$1,000.00	<b>7) Quest for Career</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
3) Travel Awards	\$9,100.00	8) Poster Session	\$1,250.00
4) SURF events	\$2,000.00	9) Parties/Social	\$3,875.00
5) T-shirts	\$1,000.00	<b>Total - \$22,500.00</b>	

- VI. *Volunteer Events*
  - a. Hurricane Katrina Relief
    - i. Food Drive – donation site in Brian William's Student Center – contact Noredia Ojogon
    - ii. Volunteer your time at Reunion Arena – contact Joseph Bergman FMI
    - iii. Fix apartments to make them available for families – contact David Kosub FMI
  - b. GSO Fall Blood Drive – Thanks to all the donors and volunteers who helped
  - c. Komen Race For the Cure – Saturday, October 15, 2005
  - d. November Clothing Drive benefiting Genosys Women's Shelter
- VII. *Social Events*
  - a. Dallas Arboretum Presents "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
    - i. Sunday, October 2, 2005
    - ii. Entrance fee \$6 / parking \$5

- iii. Movie starts at 8pm. Meet in the Student Lounge at 6:30pm to carpool
- b. Halloween Party
  - i. Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at Sons of Hermann Hall
  - ii. If you wish to volunteer to help organize contact either David Hughes or Rochelle Hinman

VIII. ***GSO/Sigma Xi Poster Session***

- a. Monday – Wednesday, November 7-9, 2005
- b. Applications available online on Monday, September 26, 2005 and due on Friday, October 7, 2005
- c. Nominated Keynote speakers
  - i. Joe Albanesi – 7 – Declined due to extenuating circumstances
  - ii. Michael Gale – 5 - Accepted
  - iii. Xiodang Wang – 4
  - iv. Mike Rosen – 3
  - v. Eric Nestler – 2
- d. Keynote address will be Monday, November 7, 2005 at 12:00 in D1.602

IX. ***GSO Fall Travel Awards***

- a. Applications emailed last week. If you need another copy, please email David Kosub
- b. Due by 5:00p.m. Friday, September 31, 2005 – Please Type Responses
- c. Results will be announced at November GSO meeting

X. ***GSO Sponsored ULS Speaker***

- a. Susumu Tonegawa, Ph.D. (MIT) – His laboratory's primary research interests are the molecular, cellular, and neuronal circuitry mechanisms underlying acquisition, consolidation, and retrieval of hippocampus-dependent memory in rodents
- b. Wednesday, October 12, 2005
- c. If you want to go to lunch with Dr. Tonegawa, please email David Kosub

XI. ***Quest For a Career Seminar***

- a. Thursday, October 6, 2005
- b. D1.602 at 1:00

XII. ***Next meeting*** – Tuesday, October 4, 2005 in Brian William's Student Center Lounge

XIII. ***61 students were in attendance.***