

Neuroscience Graduate Students' Association Meeting July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Time and Location: Good Earth Coffee House, 9:30am

Attendees: Lauren Alston, Shakib Rahman, Rebecca McCourt

Meeting minutes were approved from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

### **Neuroscience Research Day**

NRD is tentatively being scheduled for the end of January. We asked the Centre to send out an email asking for speaker suggestions (to be sent to Lauren). Lauren and Shakib looked into possible rooms and decided on ECHA 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to hold NRD. Shakib called Exams and Timetabling to get possible dates the lecture hall is free and has Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> free in 2013 as possible dates. Lauren has prepared an email to send out to our list of speakers inviting them to be our keynote.

### **NGSA BBQ**

Sabine, Lauren and Curtis went out and bought the food for the NGSA BBQ. Sabine also called into check in Hawrelak Park was free on the July 13<sup>th</sup> so we would have a spot. Shakib made a signup list for the items that other people can bring. Lauren will store the food at her place on Thursday night and then transport the food with Shakib to the event Friday afternoon. The weather forecast looks good for the day of the BBQ.

### **NGSA Shirts and Hoodies**

Lauren looked into printing the NGSA Logo on hoodies and they are quite expensive with either a double sided print or a colour design. She is going to check online for cheaper prices to see if we can get a better deal. We decided to sell these shirts and hoodies in September during the Week of Welcome and Orientation to maximize exposure and sales.

### **Fundraising**

The NGSA is planning to have a themed bake sale during the Fall semester. This might be in conjunction with the tshirt and hoodies sale during Orientation or it might be a separate event. We also discussed the possibility of selling lapel pins and other NGSA branded items. A silent auction can also be included if we can get some donations or items to auction off.

## **Sports**

The NGSA has a slowpitch team that is doing well. There is sometimes a shortage to people to play and so we have invited the undergrads to join us as well. Unfortunately, none of them accepted the invitation, but there is usually just enough people to play slowpitch on a weekly basis. Upcoming sports activities are Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, and Volleyball in the Fall semester.

## **NSA Retreat**

The undergraduate Neuroscience Student's Association is having a summer executive retreat before classes resume in September. They will be doing some team bonding and brainstorming activities and have invited any interested NGSA execs to join them as well. More details will be released when they are available.

## **Director for the Centre for Neuroscience**

Dr. John Greer has been appointed the new director for the Centre for Neuroscience. Lauren and Shakib meet with him on July 9<sup>th</sup> to talk about the activities that the NGSA runs, the planning and costs associated with NRD and generally how the NGSA and Centre interact. Dr. Greer mentioned that he is willing to take a more active role in helping to run and support NRD through the Centre. He also mentioned that he is looking at ways to fundraise for students in the Centre and use these funds to support the NGSA and its related activities.

Meeting was ended at 10:30am.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 9am in the Good Earth Coffee House.