

# BioGSA Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 October 2021

Location: Butler 103

		Discussion/Future Action
<b>Special Business</b>	SPRC	Saturday, Oct 16th! Volunteers will help it run smoothly. Reminder that volunteering for events like this one of the travel award criteria.
<b>Reports</b>	President/Vice President (Sara N.M. & Valerie)	-Student speaker invitations for the department seminar on 8 March 2022 are being organized. -The graduate student seminars are going well and have stable attendance. Discussed possible ways to increase participation and include a social aspect. Feedback is welcome. -The fall BioGSA townhall will take place during the last grad student seminar (Dec. 10, HELD 105, 4-5pm).
	Treasurer (Sara A.M.)	n/a
	Fundraising Rep (Morgan)	-Due to A&M logo licensing, we can no longer use the DNA-border biology logo on merch. -C.C. Creations is currently experiencing production delays, so there have been delays in getting our merch finalized. Hoping to open Marketplace for orders in the next couple weeks. -Will sell Gildan shirts, comfort color shirts, and sweatshirts. -Surveys for a spring sale. Possible cookie fundraiser in Dec.
	GPC (Aditi)	-Meeting next week to vote on a new chair.
	Faculty meeting Rep (Marko)	-September faculty meeting was mostly updates for the faculty, including future lab spaces for the new hires. -Next faculty meeting is October 22nd.
	GPSG senators (Jordan, Aishwarya)	-GPSG travel award applications have closed. -The Black Graduate Students' Association is still collecting donations for families in Haiti (see Aishwarya's email from October 7th for more details). -COVID updates: it is unlikely that classes will be made virtual again. COVID rates have been low, but are likely to spike after Halloween. Another round of mandatory testing is likely. Monoclonal antibody treatment is opening up to graduate students.

	SPRC (Maureen, Prakruthi)	-Volunteer assignments: poster set up Friday afternoon; Saturday set up starts at 10am, conference starts at 11am. Also need volunteers to clean up ILSB and set up the pavilion in Crompton Park. See Maureen's emails for specific assignment details. -To continue practicing social distancing, posters will be set up on the first, second, and third floor of ILSB.
	GRAC (Jenna)	-First meeting is next week. Will vote on a new committee chair.
	College of Science Dean's Grad Student Council Rep (Kristen)	-Committee has not met yet – no updates
<b>Old Business</b>		-First Friday social in Downtown Bryan was postponed to 5 Nov.
<b>New Business</b>		-Encourage grad student seminar participation. Possible time change for the spring semester. -Virtual BioGSA suggestion box.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	11 Nov. 2021 12:30 pm BTLR 103	