

MINUTES
Plant Pathology Graduate Student Association Meeting
Friday, September 8, 2006
3:30-4:30 p.m.
McKimmon Room, Williams Hall 2223

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with president Heather Olson presiding. 17 members were present.

- Dr. Ritchie
 - Introduced the new academic programs assistant, Ms. Marley Lee
 - Course notice from entomology: new class
 - IFAS students meeting in 2 weeks
 - Indicate if there were any problems getting tuition or fees paid
 - Ph.D students now have 4 years on GSSP if come in with a Master's
- General Announcements, Heather Olson:
 - Cookie/Coffee sign-up sheet: many blanks, 3 bags of high-quality cookies for each seminar, coffee stored in general PP lab
 - Guest speakers: lunch spots available, Paola Veronese class participants preferred
 - Volunteers needed for standing committees: Melanie K. volunteered for social committee, Lee Miller for finance committee
- UGSA Report, Andrea Dolezal:
 - Minutes have not been posted yet, but Faith will post them in the grad student lounge
 - Nominations for honorary award: Allison Henkel nominated
 - USGA workshop on ethics
 - Certificate of Accomplishment in Teaching for grad students
 - Go to website for more info <http://www.ncsu.edu/fctl/index.php>
 - University career fair, 1:00-4:00, Friday, Nov. 15 in Chapel Hill
CALs will review your CV and conduct mock interviews
- Finance Update and Fall Fundraiser, Jimmy Kerns:
 - PPGSA account balance: \$1,262.80
 - Chapter rebates are in: changes us into a 3 account
 - Bulb money is missing
 - Concern about additional money (\$1000-\$2000) missing from various accounts
 - Sue has camera and it can be checked out from her
 - Fall fundraiser:
 - Bowling tournament-\$37.50/lane/hour, 30 people needed for tournament, optional donations accepted, top 4 participants play again for winner.
 - Additional options would involve yard maintenance
- Student Activities, Sue Colucci:
 - Departmental Picnic:
 - October 7, 2006 starting at 4:00 p.m.
 - Dunking tank, Dr. Ritchie and Jim Kerns, \$1/throw, all were in favor
 - Bocce Ball tournament
 - Picnic set-up: Andrea, John, Courtney, Brooke, Sue and Cary

- Picnic clean-up: Melanie, Jim, Damon
- Outreach Project and Journal Club, Brooke Edmunds:
 - Service Raleigh, most were in favor of participating in this endeavor, would be held on a Saturday in April
 - Changes to Journal Club: kick off at Rose Garden, October 20th with a pizza lunch
- PPSNC News, Heather Olson:
 - At 1st board meeting changes were announced to the student travel award: they will now have the option to give 2 awards, applications must be based on obtained results not a proposal, and the recipient will have to give a 15 minute presentation at annual meeting
 - It has been requested that each lab have a poster giving an overview of their research at the annual meeting, students were not in favor of this unless it is supported by the faculty
- Rosie Perez Seminar, Heather Olson:
 - Dr. Moyer has set a Nov. 30 deadline to submit names and vote on a speaker, names need to be sent to Heather via email
 - Must be present up and coming research
- Other Topics/Concerns, Open Floor:
 - Discussion regarding a spring softball league, contact Jim Kerns if interested in playing

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.