

MINUTES
Plant Pathology Graduate Student Association Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2007
3:15-4:15 p.m.
Gardner Hall 1406

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. with President Heather Olson presiding. Ten members were present.

- Planning Rosie Perez Memorial Seminar, Heather Olson:
 - Plaque for Rosie Perez Seminar speaker, Dr. David Gadoury, Cornell University
 - Seminar earlier, Thursday at 2 p.m.
 - Crackers, cheese and fruit will be purchased at Harris Teeter
 - Volunteers are needed to go purchase food from Harris Teeter on Wednesday morning Mar. 14: Andrea Dolezal, Sue Colucci, and Cary Rivard
 - Volunteers are needed to Set-up at noon on Mar. 15: Katherine Whitten, Jim Kerns, Brantlee Ritcher, and John Zwonitzer
 - Volunteers are needed for clean-up after the seminar: Andrea Dolezal, Sarah Ruark, and Heather Olson
 - Graduate students are needed to attend lunch with speaker from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Mar. 15: Damon Smith, Leah Floyd, and Sarah Ruark
 - Dinner on Mar. 15: Brooke Edmunds, Heather Olson, and Lisa Kohl
 - There may be lunch on Friday Mar. 16 (Heather will send emails later): Cary Rivard, Brooke Edmunds, and Katherine
- Spring Fundraiser, Jim Kerns
 - Spring clean-up - ½ day in groups of three
 - Jim will write up details and email everyone in the department with details to gain work
- Plant Pathology Society of NC (PPSNC) Meeting, Heather Olson
 - Volunteers are needed for van driving March 27 and to attend a tour of the NCDA & CS Seed Treatment Laboratory in downtown Raleigh from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Sue Colucci, Cary Rivard, and Courtney Gallup
 - Nominations for Student Rep for PPSNC: Cary Rivard, Brantlee Ritcher, and Lisa Kohl. Voting will be open through Friday Feb. 16. Please vote.
- Student Recruitment Update, Katherine Whitten
 - We have some students in the process of visiting individually; Katherine will send out emails as they do to schedule lunches and dinners.
 - We have not been informed yet regarding if a recruitment weekend will be scheduled
- Service Raleigh, Brooke Edmunds
 - Sat. March 31 Show-up and you will be assigned a task
 - Can sign-up as a group or an individual
 - Must sign-up by March 23
 - Free T-shirt and Free Breakfast are provided to those participating in Service Raleigh
 - We should advertise to the whole department because this would be a good opportunity to do to promote interaction within the department.
- Professional Training Opportunity, Brooke Edmunds

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) Career Service
- This service provides opportunities for mock interviewing, CV and resume critiquing, etc
- We are planning to schedule a time for the career service person to come and meet with us to speak about job skills. Maybe in April. Be looking for an email for additional information.

- UGSA Report, Andrea Dolezal
 - Graduate School wants to know how to make life easier
 - Better dental
 - Options for family insurance
 - Parking
 - Online course evaluations – ideas re: encouraging people to fill out evaluations
 - Prizes, free parking pass, money
 - Undergraduates ignore graduate student opinions
 - Grad students allowed to vote and are encouraged to for student body offices
 - Grad students senators on board
 - East wing of library opens in March, party to follow
 - Orals must be done by 6 year or you'll be kicked out
 - Graduate students to begin annual progress reports
 - University cost cutting
 - Energy seminars
 - Welcome ideas

- Student Activities, Sue Colucci
 - Set a new first Friday date
 - When paychecks come
 - Summer trip
 - Beach or mountains: camping, Carnivore preserve trust (tour), Canoe trip (Merchants Mill), Neuse River Float (canoes from recreation dept)

- Other Discussions
- I want to give Jim Kerns a special thank you for recording the minutes during my absence at the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned: 4:15 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Rosie Perez Memorial Seminar	March 15, 2007; JC Raulston Arboretum
Plant Pathology Society of NC	March 27, 2007; NCSU University Club
Student recruitment	Spring semester