

HOGS August 29, 2006 Meeting

Attendance: Aaron Warsaw, Joseph Tychanievich, Aaron Walworth, Nicole Thaner, Emma Bradford, Erik Runkle, Ajay Nair, Sonali Padhye, Lindsey Newton, Matt Ross, Kristin Getter, Matt Blanchard, Roberto Lopez

Matt and Rolo (co-presidents):

- Welcome! HOGS exists as a way for graduate students to have a unified voice on graduate student issues. We also have social events, pay for speakers to come in, host a research symposium, award grants for thesis/dissertation printing and traveling, and we have graduation socials. We raise this money by several fundraisers throughout the year, the biggest one being the grass sale in the spring.
- Details of the upcoming camping trip (Sept. 15-17th) were discussed. If you haven't signed up yet and wish to go, please contact Roberto Lopez.
- Discussion of office nominations for the next year (beginning in September). Officer positions are:
 - o **President** – the most comprehensive position; helps with social events, organizes fundraisers, etc. In the past, we've often had two people co-chair this position so as to not be too big of a burden on one person.
 - o **Secretary/Web Master** – Takes meeting minutes and posts them on our web site and also maintains our website.
 - o **Treasurer** – Makes sure bills get paid
 - o **GPC Representative** – GPC stands for Graduate Programs Committee which is a committee of faculty that address graduate program concerns/changes. This representative attends the monthly GPC meetings (that last about 2 hours each) and reports back to HOGS about issues that may affect us. The GPC often ask for grad student input as well through this representative.
 - o **Faculty Representative** – This representative goes to monthly faculty meetings and simply listens to what may affect grad students and reports back to HOGS about it.
 - o **COGS Representative** – COGS stands for Council of Graduate Students. This representative attends the monthly COGS meetings and reports back to HOGS the issues that may affect us. Also, COGS often has social events that we can participate in and monies that we can apply for.
 - o **Hort Club Representative** – This representative attends the weekly undergraduate hort club meetings and reports back to HOGS about what may be going on that interests us.
 - o **Social Chair** – orders pizza for the HOGS meetings and organizes fun events for HOGS and friends!
- Nominations were taken for these positions and we will vote on them at our September meeting. If you have further nominations, please contact Roberto Lopez or Matt Blanchard ASAP.

- The time for HOGS meetings for this semester was agreed upon to be once a month on Tuesdays at 11:45am (look for meeting announcements on the HOGS listserv).

Matt Ross:

- Suggested that we make a HOGS soccer team to play against other soccer teams. Team cost would be \$60 and we would play 5 to 6 games this semester. See Matt if you are interested.
- Hort club is having a welcome back party from 6-8pm on Wednesday September 6th that we are invited to. It's down in the conservatory.

Dan (COGS representative):

- COGS is taking applications for endowment, thesis, and travel grants and are due THIS Friday (Sept. 1).

Kristin (Faculty/GPC representative):

- No news to report