

HOGS July 25, 2006 Meeting 12:00pm

Invited faculty member: Brad Rowe

Brad Rowe, an associate professor of Hort department, shared his rich life experience, career choice, and current research with HOGS students. With a college engineer degree, he worked at company for a few years, then got his PhD in Horticulture. He thought 14 different courses related to landscape since he came to MSU within the last 10 years and had rich teaching experience. His current research is focusing green roof study, funding from Ford motor company.

Based on his life experience, he gave us some advice comparing working as academia and company.

Company: no freedom to work what you like to do

A lot of travel

Not stable, although high pay

Academia: freedom to work on what you want, be your own boss

Interact with professionals, respected by other people

Need to very hard before you get tenure

Involved in a lot of committees

Matt and Rolo (co-presidents):

- GPC approved our fall seminar (HRT894) topic – Critically Reviewing Manuscripts in Horticulture. Bert Cregg will be one of instructor, and we still need to contact other potential professor to co-teach it. The seminar will be offered this fall as a one-credit course. There are already 8 students sign in this class until now. The location and time of this course will be determined among students and instructor.
- Discussion of camping trip planning on Sep 16-17 at Lake Erie Islands state park. Limestone cliffs, historic wineries, and crystal caverns are main scene around camping sites. Activities may involve hiking through nature trail, scene view, and group cooking etc. If you are interested to this, please let Matt and Roberto know in advance. More information will be sent out later.
- The nominees and positions for HOGS office will be sent out by presidents and nominate on next Aug HOGS meeting. We will hold elections in September for new officers.
- New student orientation will be on Aug 22. Kristin will represent HOGS to give a slide show about our organization

Erik Runkle (HOGS grant process)

The judging standard for HOGS travel funding will be more objective, less subjective. The point system will be used to judge if the student is eligible for travel grant based on some standards, for example, meeting location, present or not, poster or oral, officer or member etc. They will give points based on those standards. Both Greg and Erik will evaluate the application. The point system was approved through the today's HOGS meeting.