

# HOGS Meeting Minutes

## March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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Greg Lang & Mathieu Ngouajio- Graduate Student Fellowship Opportunities update:

- Mathieu provided us a matrix of available scholarships/fellowships to HORT students. It will be posted on the web soon.
- Discussed how to improve feedback to students who are not selected for funds. The GPC will try to e-mail the student who is not selected for funding as to why he/she was denied. Constructive criticism should help the student for future award applications.

Kristin (GPC and Faculty Rep):

- The GPC should be deciding soon how much money to award the best poster and best oral presentation for the student symposium in February. More information to come on that and the \$100 award for participating.

Dan (COGS):

- Bowling party was a success.
- We need to form a committee with COGS to fund publication costs. More to come.
- Kristie Lowrie is requesting feedback from HOGS students as to WHY we chose MSU for our graduate studies (or alternatively, why you've heard that other students want to come here). Please e-mail your response to Dan ([littled2@msu.edu](mailto:littled2@msu.edu)) who will compile this list of reasons, so that Kristie can use it as a recruitment tool.
- An electronic survey will be sent via e-mail to all of HOGS requesting input about IM and other facilities at MSU. Please take the time to fill it out, so that MSU can try to secure funding for improving facilities for students.

Matt and Rolo (Presidents):

- We will vote on time for May trip at next meeting
- Remember the HOGS sponsored departmental seminar is April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Sign up to have lunch with our speaker (John Feldmann).
- Spring show is coming up (April 21-23). It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We need people to work the show that weekend. Please sign up.

Jason Tomczak – handed out a flier about another seminar hosted by the Ecological Food and Farm Stewardship. The seminar is titled 'Ecology, Design, and Agriculture: A New Synthesis'. It is on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-6:00pm in room A155. He also reported that the funds HOGS gave to this organization helped support a previous seminar at the Student Organic Farm on designing agricultural systems to mimic forest ecosystems. About 50 people participated.