

HOGS Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2007

Attendance: Wendy Klooster, Dan Little, Aaron Walworth, Joseph Tychonievich, Emma Bradford, Travis Stegmeir, Kristin Getter, Steve Drake, Matt Ross, Matt Blanchard, Ajay Nair, Linsey Newton, and Aaron Warsaw

Grasses for Spring Show

HOGS will be planting ornamental grasses in February to sell at the spring show in April. There will be 2-3 planting sessions at different times throughout the week. Dates will be set soon. This is our main fundraiser, so please help out whenever you can.

Graduate Research Symposium

The Graduate Research Symposium is typically held in March or April in conjunction with several other departments. There are both oral and poster presentations. We still need more volunteers to serve on a committee organizing this symposium. If you are interested please let Matt Blanchard know.

Hort Club Update

The Hort Club will have their first potting party for the Spring Show on Feb. 7. Another trip to New Orleans is being planned for spring break. Broomball will be at Munn Arena Feb. 28th at 10:30 PM. All HOGS are welcome to come and play.

GPC Update

PhD students can apply for a dissertation completion fellowship for their last semester. It allows students to come off of their assistantship and use the fellowship to finish up. If you are interested in applying, Drs. Greg Lang and Matthew Ngouajio encourage you to run your proposal by them so they can give you advice and improve your chances of receiving the fellowship.

There is now a teaching assistant course in the HRT department. It will be an 800 level course and Dr. Bridget Behe will be teaching it the first time.

The Plant Science Recruitment Weekend will be the last 2 weekends in February. If you are interested in meeting potential graduate students and going out to lunch or dinner with them, please keep these weekends open.

The GPC is creating a pamphlet to use in recruiting and would like input on the paragraph about HOGS. Kristen will be sending this out for everyone to read. In addition, if you have any cool pictures of students involved in research, etc. that the GPC could include, please send them to Kristen.

Faculty Update

A chili cook-off is being planned. Bert Cregg is in charge of that and will be asking for help from graduate students soon.

COGS Update

The comic Jorge Cham, who is the author of a comic about graduate student life called 'Piled Higher and Deeper', will be at the Erickson Kiva Jan. 31 from 6-7 PM. Seating is limited and is first-come-first-serve.

The COGS meeting on Feb. 7th at 5:30 PM will include a question and answer session with the provost. All graduate students are welcomed to attend and bring any questions. It will be in Spartan Rooms B and C of the International Center.

Social Chair Update

Matt Ross shared a presentation on recent HOGS social activities, including the New Orleans Trip, holiday party, and ski trip.