

HOGS Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2007

Attendance: Sara Tanis, Travis Stegmeir, Kristin Getter, Nobuko Sugimoto, Joseph Tychonievich, Rachel Naegele, Ryan Warner, Matt Ross, Aaron Warsaw, Ajay Nair, Matt Blanchard, Greg Lang, Kate Long, Mike Von Weihe, Theoharis Ouzounis, Wendy Klooster, Linsey Newton

Dues

Please pay dues to Wendy Klooster. They are \$10 for the year or \$5 per semester. You can pay in cash or by writing a check to HOGS.

Horticulture Seminar Course (HRT 894) Update

The seminar on extension in horticulture will be offered in the spring. Dr. Ngougio and Dr. Runkle will be teaching it and plan and will have a syllabus soon.

HOGS T-Shirts

HOGS is in the processes of designing a T-shirt. We would like to have the T-shirts ready by Nov. 3 for the department tailgate. If you have any ideas, please send them to Sara right away.

Graduate Union

The graduate union has contacted Aaron and Ajay to see if there are any issues we are particularly concerned about. If there are any concerns you want passed on, please let Aaron or Ajay know.

Fellowship Opportunity

There is a fellowship available to graduate students who already have a degree from MSU, but will be continuing on here for further graduate studies. Ask Greg Lang for more details if you are interested.

Officer Updates

- ◆ Hort Club Rep (Matt Ross) – The Hort Club is selling pumpkins Thurs. and Fri. outside the auditorium. Broomball has been scheduled for Nov. 28 at 10 PM.
- ◆ Faculty Rep (Matt Blanchard) – A revision of the Graduate Student Handbook will be on line soon. Remember the department tailgate is Nov. 3. Graduate Students are encouraged to attend.
- ◆ COGS Rep (Kate) – Kate will be sending out an e-mail on a travel grant she learned about at the last COGS meeting
- ◆ GPC Rep (Sara) – There is an opening for a representative on the graduate committee for the college. They have monthly meetings, usually on Friday from 1-3 PM. This would be a year long commitment. Please let Greg Lang know by this Friday if you are interested.

There is a scholarship of up to \$1,000 available to students who would like to participate in the college teaching certificate program. Applications are taken year round. There will be a link to a description of the teaching certificate program in the revised student handbook.

Upcoming Opportunities or Events

- ◆ Halloween Party - The Halloween Party will be Sat., Oct. 27, 2007 at 7 PM. A sign-up sheet for set-up and tear down will be placed on the HOGS bulletin board. As in previous years, there will be a custom contest at the party.
- ◆ Pumpkin Carving Contest - The pumpkin carving contest is quickly approaching and will be open to graduate students and faculty. Look for more information coming soon.
- ◆ Museum Visit – HOGS will be making a visit to the MSU Museum Friday, Nov. 2 at 2 PM. Admission is free. We will be meeting at the NE side of PSSB at 1:40 to walk over there.
- ◆ Study Abroad to Netherlands and UK – there is a 5-week horticulture-oriented study abroad to the Netherlands and UK in the summer. It costs 5 credits + about \$3,200. Kristin is trying to find out how many graduate students may be interested, so please let her know if you are.