

## **HOGS Meeting Minutes –September 16, 2008**

Attendance: Matt Blanchard, Zack Hayden, Daedre Craig, Joseph Tychonievich, Leigh Whittinghill, Letizia Tozzini, Emma Bradford, Travis Stegmeir, Amanda Taylor, Mike Von Weihe, Aaron Warsaw, Ajay Nair, Ryan Warner, Vicki Ackroyd, Linsey Newton

### **Dues**

Please pay dues to Daedre Craig. They are \$10 for the year or \$5 per semester.

### **Elections**

Elections for HOGS officers for the 2008-2009 year were held. Congratulations to our new officers!

- ◆ Presidents (2) – Mike Von Weihe and Joseph Tychonievich
- ◆ Secretary – Amanda Taylor
- ◆ Treasurer – Daedre Craig
- ◆ Social Chairs (2) – Zack Hayden and Leigh Whittinghill
- ◆ Faculty Representative – Matt Blanchard
- ◆ COGS Representative – Vicki Ackroyd
- ◆ GPC Representative – Ajay Nair
- ◆ Horticulture Club Representative – Amanda Taylor
- ◆ Faculty Sponsor – Ryan Warner

### **Officer Updates**

- ◆ Ajay (GPC Rep.) – The GPC wants feedback from new graduate students on how effective their recruitment was and why students chose MSU. If any new graduate students did not get a survey at the meeting, please get one from Ajay. Surveys are anonymous and can be put in Ajay's mailbox within the next week.
- ◆ Kristin (Department Chair Search Committee) – There are 4 candidates for the department chair that will be interviewed in October and November. Graduate students will be able to meet with each candidate over either breakfast or lunch. More details will be coming.
- ◆ Matt (Faculty Rep.)
  - The Master Gardner program is being shifted to MSU Extension and will no longer be associated with the Department of Horticulture
  - The new meters in the Garden Parking Lot are working. Tokens can be purchased from a machine at the end of the lot. The cost is \$2.50 for 90 minutes.
- ◆ Amanda (Hort. Club Rep.) – The Hort Club has invited HOGS to broomball Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 10:30-11:30 PM at Munn Arena. Hort Club is planning a pre-game party and more details on that will be provided soon.

### **Upcoming Opportunities or Events**

- ◆ The camping trip is this weekend. We will be going to Hoffmaster State Park. Please let Chad know ASAP if you want to go and have not already signed up.

- ◆ Bridget Behe is going to have a potential graduate student visiting September 25-27<sup>th</sup>. She would like some graduate students to meet with him for lunch or dinner while he is here. More details will be coming.