

Minutes of GPC meeting, Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
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### **Recap of Fieser Lectureship Nominations:**

The talks will usually take place on the last Friday of the month in the afternoon. The GPC will ask Andrew Myers to talk about Louis and Mary Fieser at the first talk so that students can learn who the generous donors are that have made this award possible. Karen Ruff, who organized the nomination process reported: Students were chosen in the areas of physical chemistry, organic chemistry and chemical biology (2 each). The choice was based strictly on the number of nominations each student received. Nomination forms had been handed out to all graduate students in the department. The following graduate students were chosen as the 2007 speakers:

Greg Bokinsky	Zhuang lab
Drew Adams	Evans lab
Brian English	Xie lab
Emily Balskus	Jacobsen lab
Mary Rozenman	Liu lab
Jay Brubaker	Myers lab
Luisa Gronenberg	Kahne lab

It was decided that students should introduce the speakers, instead of faculty members. The talks are however open to faculty members. The GPC has decided, that if this is within budget, pizza will be provided at the TGIF happy hours immediately following the student talks.

### **G2 Proposal Practices:**

Luisa Gronenberg presented the following timeline for the organization of proposal practices for G2 students:

<b>Physical Chemists</b>	<b>Organic Chemists</b>	<b>Proposal Practice Schedule</b>
3 final committee members: Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> 2006	4 suggested committee members: Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> 2006	
	Soon after – committees announced.	
1 <sup>st</sup> written draft to committee: Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2007	Advised to give 1 <sup>st</sup> draft to committee: Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> 2007	
		March: send email introducing program - Luisa
Final proposal to committee: April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Final proposal to committee: April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Reminder email - sign up for program (committee members and topic) Early in April - Luisa
		GPC meeting to suggest

		practice committees. GPC team sends out emails to ask for participation.
Must schedule oral exam by May 25 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Must schedule oral exam by May 25 <sup>th</sup> 2007	G2s let us know date preferences as soon as real exam is scheduled. No later than May 29 <sup>th</sup> .
		GPC team schedules time with practice committee, food and rooms.
Must give oral presentation by June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Must give oral presentation by June 15 <sup>th</sup>	

The following students volunteered to help Luisa Gronenberg organize the practices: Karen Ruff, Gerorge Kaufmann, Zhizhong Yao, James Whitfield and Elizabeth Hulme. Organization will include contacting practice committee members, scheduling a date for the practice talk, reserving rooms and ordering food.

### **Student Invited Speakers:**

The following speakers were suggested:

Ben Davis (Oxford)

Harold McGee (similar to Alton Brown)

Victorie Hale (One World Health)

Richard Axel (Columbia)

Paul Greengard (Columbia)

Yitzhak Tor (UCSD)

Joan Steitz (Yale)

Danesh Moazed (HMS)

Sabre Kais (Physical Chem.; Purdue)

Shannon Stahl (Mechanism, Organometallics; Wisconsin)

Li Deng (Asymmetric Catalysis, Brandeis)

David Gin (Synthesis; Sloan Kettering)

Jeff Bode (Synthesis, UCSB)

Colin Nuckolls (Columbia)

Ken Suslick (Molecular Sensors, Ultrasound Chem.; U. Illinois U.C.)

Steve Martin (Natural Products Synthesis, UT Austin)

Milan Mrksich (Material Chemistry; U. Chicago)

Sir Fraser Stoddart (Molecular electronics; UCLA)

Ken Houck (Protein modeling)

Ratner

TJ Ha (Biophysics; Illinois)

The following suggestions will be noted for further consideration: Milan Mrksich, Colin Nuckloss, Shannon Stahl, Ratner.

**Department Buffet:**

The first buffet of the year was planned for the end of January. Jerry Hilinski will talk to Helen Schwickrath about organizing it.