

# QoL Meeting Minutes

Chaired by Patrick Charbonneau and  
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June 30, 2004 at 12h

## 1 GO Visit Summary with Anneka

Anneka shared the visiting G0 online survey results and thanked the QoL for the quality of its work during the visits. The complete results were distributed. A few interesting suggestions came out.

- To organize a poster session to provide prospective students with a more comprehensive view of current research in the department. This would be a more formal meeting with students, but also a more informal introduction to our research.
- Meetings with faculty should include time for lab tours with graduate students.
- Finally, the label G0 was judged inappropriate by some. Prospective student was suggested as an alternative nomenclature.

## 2 Improving Corporate Recruiting

Concerning the industrial recruiting in the Fall, Anneka is looking for suggestions of companies other than the synthetic division of pharmaceutical firms. Asking suggestions from professors in these fields was proposed, since some of them are well connected. Inviting divisions other than the synthetic ones was also seen as an improvement. The format of the event is flexible and thus possibility of pairing the visits with MCB recruiting in the field of biological chemistry would be possible. Any other suggestion is also welcome.

## 3 Tony's Visit and Discussion

Ned Hallowell will be in the department for a talk on October 20, 2004. Everyone is invited to attend his seminar on connectedness. Ned played an important role in bringing some changes in the department's culture during the last 7 years.

Also, The integration of CCB under the life science section of FAS might have some influence on the department's priorities and curriculum. The extent of this will become clearer as the new chair of the department begins her tenure in the coming weeks.

On the institutional side, Tony suggested that the QoL come up with a mission statement to better define the state and goal of the organization. This would help the CCB and its faculty better understand the important role the committee plays. The co-chairs of the QoL will draft a proposal for the next meeting for discussion. Other proposals are more than welcome, so as to widen the discussion as much as possible.

It was also suggested that the CCB graduate students be polled on their expectations and opinions about the QoL. Anneka could set this up online. A draft proposal for this will also be presented at the next meeting.

Finally, it was resolved that attendance should be taken at the meetings to assure of the representatitivy of the committee. The updated member list should also help in that respect.

## **4 Choice of a Co-Chair**

John Rearick was welcomed by all the members in the role of co-chair of the QoL.

## **5 Beverage Bash**

The final plan for the beverage bash and the breakdown of responsibilities for the funding of joint events with the biological departments was presented.

There will be three communal beverage bashes: June 24th, July 22nd and August 19th this summer. They will be student-run using a combination of resources from the four departments (CCB, MCB, OEB and CGR). There will be beer, non-alcoholized beverages, and some quantity of pizza at these events.

The traditional CCB events will begin on the Friday after July 4th, and continue straight through until August 26th without a break.

Volunteers for helping set things up on the Fridays should contact Jason Burch (burch@fas.harvard.edu)

## **6 Seminar Speakers**

Other names were added to the list of candidates to consider. Choices will be finalized at next meeting, when the list of seminar speakers invited by the faculty will be known. It was again suggested that at least one professor from CCB be invited.

Meeting adjourned at 12h55.

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