

QoL Meeting Minutes

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1 Improving Corporate Recruiting Update

Anneka informed us of the recent developments concerning corporate visits. Faculty were asked by memo last week to come up with suggestions for companies to invite. Answers are expected during the next month. Also, MIT and MCB are in negotiations about pooling resources to attract a greater diversity of industrial representatives.

For this year, more companies are coming, especially in the field of chemical biology (Biogen). Moreover, Novartis has shown interest in organizing a department-wide reception.

Finally, Anneka mentioned that everyone is invited to go to the information sessions given by the representatives in the morning of their visit. She is also very interested in getting student feedback and suggestions about any aspect of corporate recruiting.

2 Seminar Speakers

The choice of speakers for the student invited series was more or less completed.

- Research Seminar (physical chemistry) : Richard Saykally (UC Berkeley) – Dick Co is in charge.
- Research Semina (organic synthesis): Ian Flemming (U Cambridge) – Emily Baskus is in charge.
- Research seminar (chemical biology): Jeffery W. Kelly (Scripps) or Douglas C. Rees (Caltech) – to be determined next meeting
- Career seminar: Union of Concerned Scientists – Yi-Wen Huang is in charge of finding someone of interest.
- Career Seminar: Janelle Anderson (Anderson Consulting) – Greg Engel and John Rearick are in charge.
- Career Seminar: Rosh Holt (Congressman) – Mike Fuerstman is in charge.

It was also noted that several groups were not distributed the potential speaker CCB survey this year. This situation will be monitored for the next round of selection.

3 Mission Statement

A few mission statement proposals were presented and discussed. A final version was agreed upon by everyone.

“The Quality of Life Committee (QoL) represents the graduate students of CCB. It strives to promote wellness and intellectual development during the graduate school career. Advocating on behalf of the graduate student body, the QoL communicates with the faculty and administration in such areas as department policy, develops programs that facilitate faculty-student dialogue, serves as a reliable information source, and organizes social and career-building events.”

4 Student Survey

Categories of questions were suggested that encompass numerous aspects of student life. The chairmen will be collecting all suggestions by email and try to draft a survey by August 15 for review by QoL members before the content be put online by Anneka (thanks!). Also, the administration has offered a prize valued at 100\$ to increase the participation rate.

Meeting adjourned at 13h20.
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