

QoL Meeting Minutes

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October 13, 2004 at 12h

1 Seminar Speakers

Prof. Saykally will be coming on Friday, October 22. His talk will be followed by a buffet.

Jeff Tong will be invited to give a career seminar on consulting and the transition to industry afterwards.

HWIC and QoL will jointly hold a policy roundtable this year.

Prof. Rees being unavailable this year, Prof. Kahn will be approached to give the organic chemistry research seminar during the Spring semester.

2 Pfizer Hall Usage

Last year, at the request of the students, the department funded the addition of a cable TV line to the Pfizer Hall projector for the purpose of watching sporting events. Due to two recent incidents where trash was left in the hall and the AV equipment was not properly reset (at the inconvenience of faculty lecturing the following day), the administration has disconnected the cable. To ensure responsible use in the future, students must *reserve* the hall with the front office in their name in order to use the facility.

3 Graduate Student Council

Chris Neumann has volunteered to attend the GSC meetings held once a month. This guarantees CCB students access to travel funding. Thanks to Chris for taking up this task.

4 Visiting Committee

The visiting committee will be coming November 18–19 and will want to meet with graduate students. Volunteers from all horizons were nominated.

5 Library Moving

Marcia Chapin came to discuss the future of the library with the group. Due to the possible arrival of a new faculty member, the library will most certainly have to free up its current location. This announcement was made public only very recently. No prior consultations with the students had been made, though there is a possibility that students participate in the faculty committee put in place to oversee the transition.

The replacement space will be what is now occupied by the stockroom. This implies a downsizing from 6000 to 1700 sq. ft. To allow this, a selection of books and journals will have to be moved to other locations. Creative reorganization will also be needed.

It was noted that a significant loss in student resources and in calm work space will result. Symbolic and historical losses will occur as well. A special effort will be made to preserve the woodwork so that it could possibly be re-assembled in a future incarnation of the department.

Meeting adjourned at 13h.

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