

GPC Meeting Minutes

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New Officers Found and Needed

Elizabeth Hulme has volunteered to replace Melissa Grachan as Co-Chair of the GPC. Robin Friedman, the current GPC Secretary, will be leaving Harvard this August. Mike Fuerstman, GPC Co-Chair, and Chris Neumann, GPC Treasurer, will be leaving soon after. As such, additional volunteers are needed to fill these posts soon.

Summer Happy Hours

Karen Ruff, with assistance from Melissa, will be organizing these events. There is sufficient funding to hold either 12 frugal events, with only beer, chips, and soda, or 11 events with expanded offerings. It was decided to hold 12 events; HWIC may provide funding to supplement one of these events. There will be no joint events with MCB and the CGR this year. Happy Hours will occur every Friday at 5 PM from June 16th through September 1st in the Naito Courtyard.

Budget

Due to a lack of speakers requiring expensive travel arrangements and general frugality, the GPC is staying well within our budget. Chris will provide a more detailed report on the budget for next meeting.

Seminars

Starting next meeting we will begin deciding on speakers (both academic and career) for the coming year. Please give any suggestions to your GPC representative.

Academic speakers: Doug Reese from Caltech, October 24th

Student colloquia: Mike Fuerstman, late June
Robin Friedman, late July

Career speakers: Ernie Chang formerly a postdoc at Biogen, possibly next week
Jorge Goldstein, patent attorney at Kessler Goldstein Fox, '76 Westheimer, proposed - will be contacted shortly.
Victoria Halle, founder and CEO of OneWorld Health Institute (first nonprofit pharma), proposed - will be contacted shortly.

Post-doc Seminars

Mike will be emailing the post-doc mailing list to assess interest in a GPC sponsored post-doc seminar series. These talks could be low key, in a similar vein to the Graduate Student Colloquia, or practice job talks, where attendees could ask pointed questions and critique the presentation. The faculty would not be invited to these talks.

Mallinckrodt Lobby

The Mallinckrodt lobby will soon be updated. The old construction plans will be removed and replaced with a large flat screen display among other things. Mike will let the front office know that the GPC would like the bulletin board to remain in place.