

Minutes of GPC meeting, Monday, July 2nd, 2007
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- 1) List of events that the GPC organized during the past academic year and beginning of summer:
 - Fieser Graduate Student Lectureships (new program this year)
 - Postdoc Colloquia
 - Class Dinners
 - Lunch with new faculty members in the department (new program this year)
 - G2 proposal practices (new program for GPC, the year before HWIC – Harvard Women in Chemistry – had organized this program for female graduate students)
 - CCB Departmental Buffets
 - Ticket exchange
 - 3 Student invited speakers
 - 1 Non-academic invited speaker
 - Summer TGIFs
 - GPC meetings
- 2) Call for new person to organize Fieser Lectureships. Karen Ruff is retiring from this position. James Whitfield showed interest. No decision was reached.
- 3) It was decided that 4 departmental buffets, like this past year, are enough and that it is a better use for the extra money to have pizza and beer after post-doc and graduate student seminars.
- 4) Possible next organic student invited speaker: Li Deng (Brandeis University). Bekka Klausen volunteered to talk to the department about a possible date and contact Li Deng. Suggestions of other speaker for the next year are welcome from all members of the department.
- 5) Lizzy Hulme was contacted by the Harvard Outings and Innings Office regarding Red Sox tickets. O&I would be able to supply tickets to the GPC that we could then sell to graduate students in the department at cost. The GPC would not make money from this, but it would be a nice service to the department. It was decided that there would be a good program for the GPC to run and Lizzy will let O&I know that we are interested.
- 6) Call for new co-chairs, secretary and treasurer. All GPC positions will need to be filled for next semester.
- 7) It was suggested that some of the summer TGIFs would be a good opportunity for students and post-docs to put up scientific posters and share their work with each

other. The poster sessions during the new student recruitment weekends are meant for new students only, they are too crowded for all current department members to attend. The TGIFs might be a nice, informal forum to put up posters and discuss research.