Undergraduate Chemistry Council
Exec Meeting: November 29, 2012

In attendance: Erin, Bill, Berkcan, Ben, Bob, Dr. Hatch, Danbee, Diana

Start Time: 6:05 PM

Next meeting: Reading Week, Bones.
  • Food: Joy Yee’s
  • Make flyer

Halloween Show. Any comments/concerns from safety people?
  • They liked it.
  • Erin will talk to Nick Waddell about Beach show

Treasurer
  • Bill and Dr. Hatch should talk about depositing lab manual funds into SOFO account

ScOPE
  • Erin called driver certification people. According to those she spoke with, all we have to do is have people call.
    o Erin will call Norris. As of now, can ScOPE chairs can just try to call and get certified, if possible.

Bob: Need to choose and contact a distinguished speaker soon.
  • Try to come up with list of possible names

Faculty seminars? We didn’t have one this quarter.
  • Need to make sure we have at least one next quarter and spring
  • Anyone you guys have in mind?
    o Mrksich, Mirkin.
    o Ben will talk to Mirkin. Try to see if can schedule a seminar for next quarter, since he will be teaching Chem 102.

Tutoring Updates
  • Organic: moved tutoring to main library, easier for students at night.
    o Recruited two other tutors to help
      ▪ Not confident they are doing a good job; need someone with better communication skills.
      ▪ Would be nice to have an organic concentration person.
      ▪ Bill will refer a friend who is concentrating in chem, Anne.
        • Have her email Berkcan.
  • Hatch will check on possibility of organic chem tutors getting paid.
    o Will be helpful to keep attendance list to show that people are coming.
      ▪ Should give it to Dr. Hatch.
SAB Rep

- Went to fall meeting.
- They want to know anything chemistry wants to communicate to SAB
  - Independent study very unstructured.
    - There are no standards set to how the credit is assigned. Would be good to discuss how to make it more meaningful. Maybe having to meet with advisor at least once a quarter.
    - Would be good practice for research presentations for the student researchers.
- **UCC Sponsored Undergraduate Seminar Series Idea**
  - Format: maybe a few informal presentations followed by a formal presentation by one person. Kind of like a group meeting. Talk about who they doing work with, what they do, how they got in.
  - Maybe by 3rd quarter, have a set of goals. Maybe undergrad students can have talks to present with each other, some time of seminar series
  - Ben can organize seminar series. Can get list of who is doing 399 from Sam.
    - Beneficial for kids not in research. Maybe a Q&A afterwards.
      - Would be helpful to see how students choose labs, what types of things they do.
      - **Definitely work on this for next quarter.**
    - How to reach out to people?
      - Send message to all chem majors; ask if they are doing research and if they are interested in presenting in seminar.
      - Email people currently in 399.
  - Maybe reaching out to PLU
    - Would they be interested in working on events/mentorship of undergrads?
  - Undergrad mentorship program?

**End Time:** 6:55 PM