**AAPS Officer’s Meeting**

Nov 11th, 2022

Meeting start time: 12:04

Meeting end time: 1:01

1. **Attendance**
   * Present: Kori, Jack, Emily, Lauren, Evan, Huimei, Spencer (new officer)
   * Absent: Riya (excused), Danny (excused), Maddie (excused)
2. **Motions**
   * n/a
3. **Announcements**
   * Election results/Leadership Committee for 2023:
     + Chair – Jack Keady
     + Vice Chair – Huimei Wei
     + Secretary – Danny Kolpek
     + Treasurer – Claire DeWeese
     + Historian – Leah Schrass
     + GPC – Emily Prantzalos
     + Social Chair – Evan Miller
     + Student Body Rep – Riya Trivedi
     + Graduate Student Congress Rep – Spencer Peh
4. **Updates**
   * Chair/Vice Chair (Kori and Jack)
     + Next meeting is scheduled for Dec 16th – checking with everyone to make sure attendance will be okay (may switch meeting date to the 9th instead)
     + Missed the first deadline of memberships to get AAPS $750, but will submit paperwork to get the $500 deadline
     + SAC meetings will begin to transition from Kori to Jack
     + Huimei taking over as vice chair – transition coffee talk responsibility to her
   * Treasurer (Daniel Kolpek)
     + Current balance $2,932.97
   * Historian (Lauren Weaver)
     + With the current climate across the country, graduate students and postdocs are unionizing
       1. UK is not increasing any stipends, as our stipends are comparable to top schools
       2. Suggesting to ask for increases in compensation to compare with inflation and cost of living increases – possibly unionize (is it allowed at UK?)
          1. Health insurance costs are increasing too

Low protection on graduate students

No life, dental or vision insurance

* + - 1. Possibly reach out to students who left our program to ask about what made them leave – help to increase retention rates
  + Graduate Program Committee Rep (Maddie Stewart)
    - The next GPC meeting is in December
      1. Maddie and Emily will both attend to transition responsibility
  + PhD Program Social Chair (Evan Miller)
    - Want to talk with Sylvie about reinstating SciCats and open that up to build up a volunteer base before branching off to start other possible opportunities
      1. Would require a background check and approval to get into the schools
    - Stickers – design is ready, need to place the order
      1. Want to place the order before the end of the year to have stickers for sale next semester
  + Student Body Representative (Riya Trivedi)
    - n/a
  + Graduate Student Congress Rep (Huimei Wei)
    - Applied to GPSO (Graduate/professional student organizations) fund for $500, update by end of the year to see if we receive the extra funding
      1. This is the last time they are offering this funding
    - Thinking about doing a GPSO fair or collaborating for some kind of event for organizations similar to ours across the college
      1. Next meeting, will bring a list of organizations that may be interested in doing some kind of collaborative event with us sometime next year

1. **Upcoming Events**
   * Last coffee hours for this year is Dec 2nd from 11-1pm room 170
   * Alumni coffee talks Monday the 5th (Dr. Oo)
2. **Event Planning**
   * Dec 16th tentative meeting as a transition meeting between positions
     + Checking with new members to make sure date/time works
     + Possible zoom/hybrid meetings or separate one-on-one meetings if needed
   * January “pass-the-baton” ceremony to initiate new members
3. **Action Items**
   * Evan – stickers and SciCats
   * Huimei – GPSO list
   * Kori – AAPS funding