

## I. Opening

### 1. Restarting the Biochemistry Graduate Student Association

- A. Why we wanted to have this meeting
- B. Main focus: New student panel and orientation next month
- C. Officers were called for over email, and 4 people indicated interest:
  1. Co-presidents: Shelbi Christgen & Samantha Swenson
  2. Secretary: Jennie Catlett
  3. Treasurer: Ethan Bender

### 2. Announcements:

#### A. Dr. Black's announcements:

##### 1. Faculty meetings:

- a. Second Monday from 3-5 in E228 (Except this August, which is on 8/4) BGSA needs to provide a representative. A representative to sit on faculty meetings and a backup were chosen:
  - Representative: Patti Cuevas
  - Backup: Jennie Catlett

##### 2. TA information

- a. 8/19/14 is the TA Workshop
- b. College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) Teaching workshops: January
- c. interfacing with science literacy group
- d. Meeting with Dr. Black
  - Additional information from the department and Dr. Black forthcoming
  - Dr. Black has an open door policy and welcomes students to come speak with him about any situation that may arise

#### B. American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB)

1. Provides opportunity for travel funds and to present research
2. <http://www.asbmb.org/>

#### C. 8/22/14 Molecular Mechanisms of Disease Seminar

#### D. 9/13/14, 4-7 p.m. Biochemistry Fall Picnic

## II. Business:

### 1. When and How Often to Have Meetings

- A. Meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month starting in September

### 2. Welcoming New Students

#### A. 8/19/14 Panel:

1. New students can ask questions about classes, rotations, etc. before guidance interviews where they choose classes
2. Pizza Social at 5:00PM
3. Panel begins at 5:30
4. Graduate students will discuss the classes they've taken and the research being done in their labs
5. Patti will announce to at the faculty meeting that labs without graduate students can send a representative to the social and panel to represent their labs
6. Optional dinner/drinks downtown afterwards

#### B. 8/20 Poster session/lunch in atrium

### **3. Ackerson Speaker Selection**

- A. Committee:
  - 1. Christine Booth
  - 2. Michelle Palmer
  - 3. Jared Aldridge
- B. Choose 3 possible external speakers to invite.
- C. Speaker is for April

### **4. Newsletter**

- A. Topics: Upcoming seminars, Fellowship lists and deadlines recent awards, deadlines, upcoming defenses, etc.
- B. Potentially end of: August, October, December, February, April
- C. Jennie is working on combining with minutes

## **III. Future Business: (Things for later this year that we'd like input on)**

### **1. Fellowship List**

- A. Please make a list of fellowships you applied for in the past and what dates What are dates that newer students need to keep in mind for national fellowships (i.e. NSF/NDSEG/Hertz/etc.) Send ideas to [jcatlett@acm.org](mailto:jcatlett@acm.org)

### **2. Possible Fundraising ideas:**

- A. T-Shirts
- B. Cleaning Tables
- C. Student fees
- D. Departmental funds

### **3. Possible Socials/Professional Development/Outreach**

- A. Poster Session w/ beer in Spring
- B. Women in Science
- C. Sunday with a Scientist'

### **4. Ackerson Speaker Candidates for selection committee**

- A. Candidates should be prominent and well established.

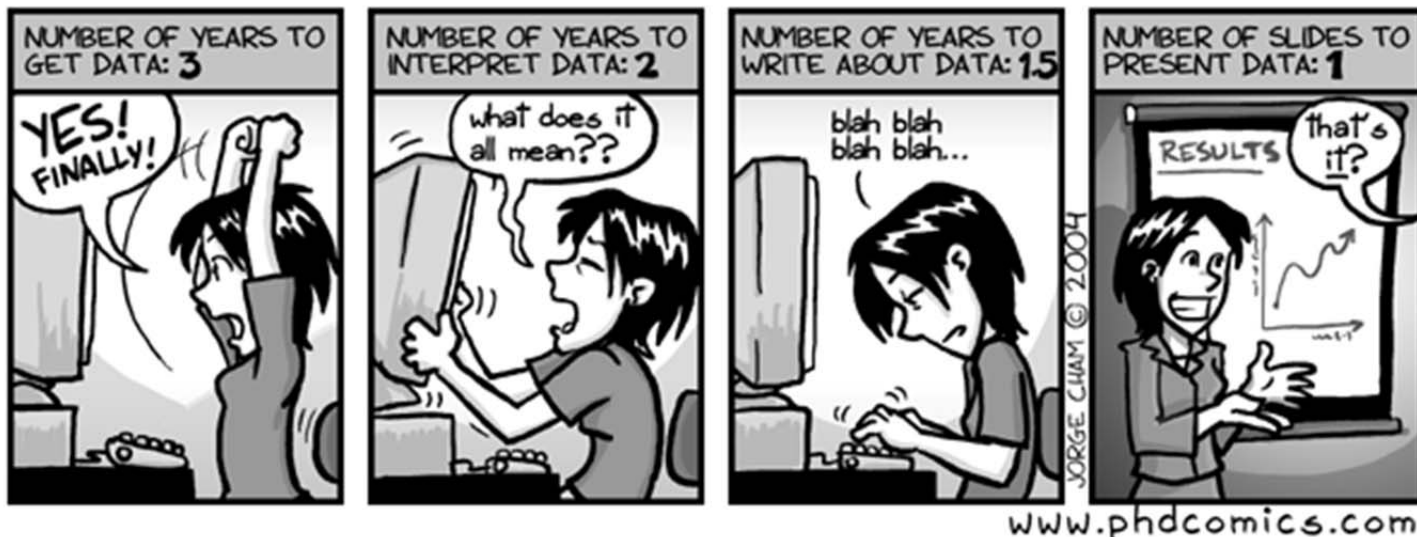
## **IV. Upcoming Dates (summary):**

- 1. **08/04/14 (3 – 5 PM) Faculty Meeting**
- 2. **08/19/14 (all day) TA Workshop**
- 3. **08/19/14 (5 – 7 PM) Pizza Social and Panel for New Graduate Students**
- 4. **08/20/14: Poster session/lunch in atrium**
- 5. **08/22/14: Molecular Mechanisms of Disease Seminar**
- 6. **08/25/14: Fall Classes Begin**
- 7. **09/08/14: Next BCGSA Meeting**
- 8. **09/13/14: (4 – 7 PM) Biochemistry Fall Picnic**

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### Upcoming Dates (summary):

9. 11/10/14 5:30 PM E228: Next BCGSA Meeting

### Upcoming Fellowships to consider

- 1) **10/31/14: Hertz**
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  - b) <http://www.hertzfoundation.org/>
- 2) **10/31/2014: Nebraska Center for Materials & Nanoscience Graduate Research Fellowship**
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*Minutes from 9/8/14 Meeting:*

- I. Faculty Representative update.**
  - a. Lots of new grants received by the department
  - b. BIOC431 is overfull. Possibility of adding more sections in the future: will require more graduate teaching assistants
  - c. Biochemistry Dept is hiring new faculty
  - d. Department is running out of Graduate/Postdoc office space. Be prepared for undergraduates to be forced into sharing desks or into the hallway.
  - e. Attend Biochemistry seminars on Tuesdays, unless we want a sign-in sheet.
  
- II. GSA Legislative Assembly Representative Election**
  - a. Meetings: First Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Nebraska Union
  - b. Allison Siekman volunteered to be representative.
  
- III. Ackerson Speaker Committee update**
  - a. Candidate list: send ideas and bio to any committee member by end of the week for voting.
  
- IV. New Graduate Student Feedback**
  - a. More graduate student involvement in welcome.
  - b. More time to meet professors before selecting classes and rotations.
  - c. List of professors taking new graduate students
  - d. List of good questions to ask professors
  - e. Information about what classes to register for earlier in the summer.
    - i. Students unable to get n-card and student benefits like bus pass and checking account without registering for classes.
  - f. Welcome dinner should be earlier in the week.
  
- V. Old Business:**
  - a. Fundraising Ideas**
    - i. T-Shirts: Give Samantha your ideas
    - ii. Cleaning Tables: still possible
    - iii. Student fees: must attend GSA to qualify
    - iv. Departmental funds: nope
  
  - b. Possible Socials/Professional Development/Outreach**
    - i. Poster Session w/ beer in Spring
    - ii. Women in Science: Spring
    - iii. Sunday with a Scientist: Spring
  
  - c. Newsletter:** Add a Piled Higher and Deeper (PhD) comic
  
- VI. New Business:**
  - a. Fellowships available**
  - b. Approaching deadlines**

**c. Other new business**

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- 1. 09/13/14 4 – 7 PM: Biochemistry Fall Picnic**
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Next Meeting: 11/10/14



#### Upcoming Dates (summary):

10. 11/10/14 5:30 PM E228: **November BCGSA Meeting**
11. 11/10/14 Get \$10/ticket to Samantha so she can buy Hockey Tickets
12. 11/21/14 7:05 PM: **BCGSA November Outing:** Lincoln Stars vs Omaha Lancers
13. 12/6/14 time TBD: **Biochemistry Holiday Party**
14. 12/8/14 5:30 PM E228: **December BCGSA Meeting**

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## **Minutes from 10/13/14 Meeting**

### **VII. Welcome to Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering students**

### **VIII. Updates**

#### **a. Ackerson Speaker Committee update: Christine, Michelle, Jared**

- i. Letters going out to candidates one at a time.

#### **b. GSA Legislative Assembly Representative Update: Allison**

- i. Voting positions open

#### **c. Faculty Representative update: Patti**

- i. New representative: Jennie
- ii. Alternate: Shelbi
- iii. Report:
  1. Newtech ventures helps the university with patents
  2. Office space shortage continues.

#### **d. Spring Poster Session**

- i. decided we have enough poster sessions already, don't need another one.

### **IX. Refresh Letter of Intent and Constitution**

- a. Red Sections: approved
- b. Add/Change/Remove: discussed MMOD/Redox/Ties to department, otherwise approved

### **X. Fundraising:**

- a. **T-Shirt Vote:** \$12 shirt, \$15 sale
- b. **Bake Sale (10/31: Pumpkin Carving Contest):** Committee formed
- c. **Christmas Party Raffle (Donations, Dr. Black's house):**
  - i. Get donations from companies for raffle

### **XI. November Outing: Lincoln Stars Game/other suggestions**

11/7 (7:05 p): Sioux City Musketeers [Friday]

11/11 (7:05 p): Des Moines Buccaneers [Tuesday]

**11/21 (7:05 p): Omaha Lancers [Friday]**

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### **XII. Possible Professional Development/Outreach**

#### **a. Samantha is looking into these options.**

- b. Poster Session w/ beer in Spring: form committee to plan
  - i. Canceled. See Above
- c. Women in Science:
  - i. February?
  - ii. Contact:
    1. 402-472-8965
    2. scimath@unl.edu
- d. Sunday with a Scientist:
  - i. Third Sunday of Every Month. 2014 already planned.
  - ii. <http://museum.unl.edu/sundaywithascientist/>
  - iii. Contact? (402) 472-2642

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*Next Meeting: 1/12/15 5:30PM*

## Upcoming Dates (summary):

- 16. 12/15-12/19: **Finals Week**
- 17. 12/19 3 PM: **Commencement and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony**
  - A. Pinnacle Bank Arena 3PM
- 18. 12/24-1/2: UNL offices closed
- 19. 1/12/15: **Spring Semester Begins**
- 20. 1/12/15: BCGSA January Meeting
- 21. 1/17/15: **BCGSA Welcome Back Outing:**
  - A. Ice Skating!

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## 12/08/14 Minutes

### I. Updates

- Ackerson Speaker Committee Update
- Graduate Student Association Update: UNL transportation discontinuing busses from parking at Innovation Campus due to budget shortfalls.
- Faculty Representative Update: no meeting
- BCGSA Compliance
  - Everything should be approved now
  - Waiting to hear back on SOFS number for final approval after combining with the 2004 organization.

### II. Fundraising

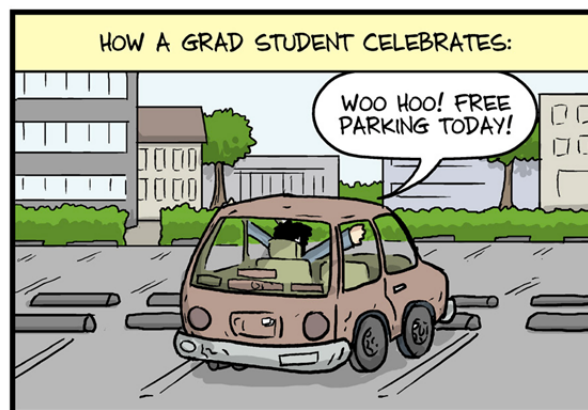
- Until SOFS # is approved, we can't do fundraising, but we will have funds!
- Idea: Trivia Night?
  - "Geeks Who Drink": Company who usually does trivia at restaurants/bars, will sponsor/provide Quizmasters for free trivia fundraisers for not-for-profit organizations
  - We can offer free Pepsi products
  - Open across campus, Can host on campus (i.e. in the Union)
    - Since on campus/available to minors, no alcohol allowed at this
- T-shirts
  - \$15/shirt
  - Due date February
  - Advertise to other departments: Order form in Shelbi's office
- Other Ideas?

### III. January 17 Welcome Back Outing: Ice Skating!

### IV. Professional Development/Outreach

- Dr. Buan has several contacts in Lincoln

# HOLIDAY!



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- She wants to have meetings next semester about this
- Email Samantha or Shelbi if you're interested by the start of next semester
- We will invite her to the February meeting to discuss her ideas.

#### **V. Upcoming Dates/Reminders**

- NDSEG (First/Second Years): **12/12**
- Fall Commencement (PBA) **12/19; 3 pm**
- Next Meeting: **1/12**
- Milton Mohr: **March**