**SPESS GSA Meeting Minutes 4-7-2022**

Discussion Topics:

* Planning to revamp the website
* Planning for master contact list to come from initial member survey
* Planning for survey
  + Include GSA description along with definition of membership
  + Include question regarding willingness to pay dues
* Planning for social media
  + Types of pages, outreach, topics, etc.
  + Highlights for students
  + Awards/grants
  + Recent alumni
  + Faculty highlights
  + Upcoming events
  + Social Media considered an easy outlet requiring few resources
* Discussion of targeting undergrad students
* Financial discussion
  + Current account balance: 700$
  + Opportunity for other funding from department specifically for events
  + Collection typically cash, check, venmo that can be set up
* Possible Events/Activities
  + SPESS GSA symposium
    - In house event to highlight current student research
    - Designed to peak interest, connect students with students, and connect students with faculty, possibly even outside LSU
  + Putting similar interest students together for outside symposiums held on other campuses/out of state
  + Crawfish boil
    - Can function as a “Welcome Event”
    - Can collect donations
    - Include faculty and staff
    - Include alum
  + Involvement in Seminars
    - Push student attendance at department seminars
    - Utilize whatsapp for announcements of presentations
    - Prioritize support of our members
  + Outreach to undergrads
    - Speak to undergrads about graduate programs offered in classes, clubs, and meetings
    - Include
      * How to apply
      * How to find a professor and project
      * Slides for current research by our members highlighting different focus
    - Board members can do these visits
    - Targets include
      * Intro Hort classes (HORT 2050 Bob Mirabello)
      * Horticulture Club
      * Sigma Alpha (Agriculture Sorority)
      * Intro Soil Science (AGRO 2051)
      * Intro Crop Science (AGRO 2025 Lauren Lazaro)
      * Intro Environmental Science
    - Kris will let us know what days will be best for us to split and present
      * End of April beginning of May
    - Use department to send out date of when we will be presenting

Recap and Top Priority for immediate future:

1. Monday send out finalized survey
   1. Officers should share input on content as it is edited
2. Update Member Contact List obtained from survey
3. Planning for undergrad outreach visits
4. Compiling initial content for Social Media