BGSA Meeting May 10th

Times taken in Atlantic Daylight Time (-30 mins from St. John’s)

Attending: Kelly, Cole, Jordan, Ty, Gustavo, Levi, Katrien, Alessandra, Makayla, Jake

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Gustavo 2:36pm

* The biology department is moving into the new building in August (switch time placement with Chemistry). Things should be normal until the end of July/August. When the biology department moves in everything else should be there, and there shouldn’t be a lot of problems with the labs when moving.

Jordan 2:45 pm

* Spoke with Tom to get a few people from the BGSA into the new building to just have a look around and their input on the building.

Kelly, Cole, Levi 2:47pm

* Nothing new to add about the seminars.
* Levi and Kelly is unsure of his schedule, but put out that he’s open to help transition to the new team.

Jake 2:49pm

* Nothing to major to add about communication. Waiting to update the website, but will update it soon

Katrien 2:50 pm

* Still have yet to receive funding for the GSU, but have been approved. Didn’t have to spend that much on the BGSA, so we should be leaving the upcoming execs should have around ~$2000.
* Hoping to receive the rest of the funding from the GSU at some point.

Ty 2:51 pm

* The OSGA just had their AGM last week. They’re in a similar boat to the BGSA.

Alessandra 2:52pm

* The MIGS is hosting their AGM next week.

Mak 2:52pm

* The BGSA is over and we had a lot of great feedback. We had between 45-55 people in each session with around 25 people per session in the workshops.
  + People seemed to really enjoy the transition from eco/evo to the more general terrestrial/marine.
  + Most people did not enjoy the time limit for the oral presentation, but due to the lack of time with the number of people it was the best that we could do. In the future it would be great to increase the time limit for future events. People are wrapping up with the gifts.
  + People are doing contactless pick-up.

Adam 3:00pm

* They recently had an AGM and have new exec that recently started. A new ED Finical and will hopefully start giving out the approved funding. There was some changes to the honourees to the exec.
* Adam is bring up that the money given to the members could be used in a much greater fashion. It’s about 30 people that in theory could receive $250 for attending all four meetings.

Cole 3:11pm

* Has heard that they aren’t hiring summer TAships. Ty reached out with Jody and she mentioned that since they’re moving buildings they aren’t.
* Again, a lack of communication from the biology department. Having a similar decision about the lack of communication from the biology department.

Jordan 3:10pm

* Planning to host the AGM on May 27th (give two weeks notices). Starting reach out to new people.