Reminders/Follow-up:
All: Publicize upcoming Professional Development events: Research Mixer
Lewis: Circulate description from S. Shannon of Graduate Student Advisory Body

General Meeting
Committee Updates
1. Professional Development
   a. Preparing for Your Defense Friday Feb. 24th 12-1, 110 Moon
   b. Meeting of interested students preparing for candidacy exams 1 pm in GSA office
   c. Research Mixer/Elevator Pitch Friday March 30th 3:30-6:30
      i. Video ads coming your way
      ii. Reps: announce at faculty meetings; All: spread the word!
   d. Spotlight
      i. Email announcement on March 1st, event is coming along
2. Speaker Committee
   a. Shifting Paradigms Wed. April 25th Peter Reich -- terrestrial biosphere
   b. still hammering out date with Gavin (mushrooms), potentially Tuesday April 10th
   c. Student Speaker Series: Anna Stewart Friday March 2 12pm in 110 Moon
   d. Let's find a different time slot that noon on Fridays -- loosing engineering students
3. Social Committee
   a. Ice skating Friday Feb. 24th 5-7 pm at Tennity, free for ESF/SU grads, followed by beer at the Inn Complete -- combined event with GSO
      i. Kids? probably fine coming along with ESF/SU students (Kat will check)
   b. Wine tour in the future (Kelly F) might be cheaper to coordinate than we thought
4. Budget -- nothing new, get receipts to Jen, she's still trying to meet with the budget office
5. OIGS Graduate Student Advisory Body
   a. New duty of departmental reps, or find someone else to serve from dept.
   b. Suggestions:
      i. One rep from within GSA, one from general grad body
      ii. Lewis suggests an amendment to our constitution to include, but perhaps this already seems like a rep's responsibility
      iii. Format open meetings with representation from dept.
   c. Lewis: have Scott Shannon write up a description of objectives, goals, responsibilities of this body, circulate before next meeting
6. Alcohol Task Force
   a. Laura Crandal/USA rewriting alcohol policy
b. meeting next thursday, time/place TBA -- connect via Whitney (Tom and David)
c. Not driven by issues originating from us, but from other clubs maybe
d. Calling for a review of current policy, rewrite if necessary, related to residence hall?
e. There is final oversight by Dean Lombard on the final policy
f. Make sure to include protection so that problems with one club won't affect others

7. International Night (Emily Hughes)
   a. April 1st 6-9 pm
   b. outline of event:
      i. Set up around 5 -- decorations, prepared food (need help)
         1. Make sure we have enough sternos that function
      ii. Come at 6pm -- students/faculty/staff/students
      iii. Cooking "cultural" food of all sorts
      iv. Band to play during eating?
      v. Sit eat, Caroline Salter to talk ~6:45
      vi. Then bring out desserts to put on tables, encourage mingling
      vii. Cap evening with performances: Leticia salsa group then leading dancing
         1. Other dancers out there?
      viii. Ppt with pictures/music (Abbie)
   c. Refunding up to $30 for food items only (tax-free items) -- invite faculty/staff to cook as well
   d. Email contacts: before and after spring break
   e. Decorations
      i. International flags
      ii. Solicit ideas for table themes
      iii. Decorations from Raydora in multicultural affairs

8. GPES Information (Lori, Emily, Ruth Yanai, Russell Briggs meeting)
   a. Breakout orientation sessions to reduce confusion -- need current students
   b. Reviewing GPES handbooks -- need PhD perspective
   c. Generally interested in our survey, had questions to add
   d. Want to get students to semester mixer -- better email methods, schedules, doodle
   e. Handbook for GPES faculty too? perhaps they need their own workshop
   f. Physical GPES space -- offices in Bray, GPES lounge -- networking, collaboration

9. Joe Rufo GSO/GSA relations (Scott)
   a. Meeting was scheduled, canceled, rescheduled for Monday

10. EFB faculty meeting (EFB)
    a. Changing training and safety policies (due to California case)
    b. Liability of faculty, staff, all those hired by ESF
    c. Boost to resumes
    d. Incorporate training at orientation/colloquium, also for specific lab spaces
       i. Potentially mandatory in first year for everyone
    e. John Weasel can set up (free) training sessions: CPR, basic first aid, WFA
       i. This is within the obligations of his job
    f. Open up to any interested students -- not just hired ones?
g. Variable types of training throughout campus right?
   i. Paper trail of general safety training, more specifics for other needs

h. Problematic for getting everyone together? Logistics?
   i. Online option? Services provided by county?
   j. If we certify, we are all the more liable, they have to do it right, look at state mandates

k. Does this just shift responsibility off faculty and on to students?
   i. Be sure there is the proper language to prevent this

l. Not a GSA responsibility -- but something to weigh in on as grad students

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