

GSP Meeting 2/5/2025

Members in Attendance: Zohara Assadipour, Emma Bognar, Rachel Block, Reilly Branch, Callie Coleman, Bre Curran, Taylor Doty, Sydney Hicks, Maya Irvin-Vitela, Katie Matthew, Alex Perry, Zoi Polyzopoulou, Alyona Rogojina, Kaiah Sotebeer, Julia Standefer, Grace Wasinger, Becca Ying, Asli Yurtsever, Nan Zhao

1. GSP Updates

- a. Historian/webmaster (Zohara)
 - i. Will be sending out a Qualtrics asking for students willing to offer statistical analysis help to add to the website
- b. Upcoming Meeting Dates
 - i. Wednesday 3/5
 - ii. Wednesday 4/2
 - iii. Wednesday 5/7
- c. Upcoming Events
 - i. Valentine's Game Night
 - 1. Friday, February 21st from 7-10pm (bring snacks and/or games)
 - ii. Writing Workshop
 - 1. Can still attend if you have conflicts some of the weeks (isn't required to go to all the workshop dates)

2. Department Updates

- a. GPC (Reilly)
 - i. No updates

3. Area Updates

- a. Cognitive (Becca)
 - i. Prospective students in the process of interviewing, visiting, and deciding whether to accept offers
 - ii. Becca and Kaiah working on cog student organization
- b. Counseling (Rachel and Callie)
 - i. More formal communication between SCS and the program
 - ii. Working to streamline process of taking off religious/cultural holidays
 - iii. Upcoming GSCP meeting to discuss external prac sites on 2/20
- c. Social (Alyona)
 - i. Discussed guidelines/suggestions for mentorship

4. Committee Updates

- a. Diversity Committee
 - i. Meeting on Monday
 - ii. Name change in progress
- b. Outreach Committee
 - i. "Nothing Less than Success" 8th Grade Science Fair
 - 1. Thursday 2/20, 4:45PM-6:30ish, North High School, Des Moines
 - 2. Sign up: tinyurl.com/2025SFjudging
 - ii. Emma will be in touch about participating in demonstrations/activities for science fair outreach event since background checks are necessary
- c. Finance Committee

- i. Kaiah is planning to apply for GPSS funding (maximum amount is \$1200)

5. External Updates

- a. GPSS (Kaiah)
 - i. Horticultural Research Center (Good Friends Farm): donation and outreach program, can get free produce for volunteering (see attached flyer)
- b. GSV (Alyona)
 - i. Potentially switching to new parent union (United Campus Workers) which would be broader than just grad students