BESA MEETING Minutes

NEXT MEETING: April 5th (3-4pm) in 3206

15 people in attendance

Upcoming Events:
- Student Faculty Luncheon in GBSF Lobby (12 – 1 pm March 20th)
- BESA Meeting (April 5th)
- Monthly student presentations (April 13th 4:30 – 6 pm GBSF 2202)
- Coffee Hour (April 19th tentative date)
- BMEGG Conference (May 4th)
- BESA Camping Trip at Capps Crossing in Eldorado National Forrest (May 11-13th)
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Minutes:
- Recruitment Recap
  - 12 confirmed for PhD
  - 12 responses to the survey sent out
    - Interactions with students were all positive
    - COE breakfast and poster session was ranked lower on importance
    - 1 recruit had a non-positive time (possibly due to faculty meeting/expectations)
    - Want a more general faculty talk
    - Want tea, not just coffee
    - Want to get out of GBSF/ go to sac campus
  - Possibly try to get Putah Creek for a dinner
  - COE segment can be made into a sac morning tour
  - Poster session recruit involvement was focused on a few labs
    - Could give a short 2 slide ppt to help people see the research to talk about later at the poster session
    - Possibly give printouts, so more focused on research
  - Need more faculty involvement at events
  - One recruit raised an expectation of having a host
  - Map provided during tours negated the problem of finding labs
    - Better to have someone in the hallway anyways
    - Less labs were open than last year
    - Need to better label which labs are open to visit (on doors)
- Met with Oklahoma University BESA to help them start up
  - BESA members might be emailed to help provide background on their position
- BMEGG Video
  - Needs to be done within 2 weeks
- Coffee Hour
  - Coffee hour with Dr. Panitch went well!
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- 8-10 people attended
- The smaller setting in 3206 seemed better compared to the lobby
- Starbucks instead makes things easier and tastes fresher
  - Starting one is Sac – Amy is leading
- BESA Website - Send in your photos; there’s a Box account
- Student Presentations
  - Have one person for April
- TA Workshop
  - Went well. Do again next year
- Considering buying a water kettle with BESA funds for events
- Newsletter
  - Add march 20th faculty lunch
  - Include more about conference
- Student Faculty Lunches
  - All in GBSF lobby; Add to your calendar
    - Monday, March 20 from 12 - 1 pm
    - Tuesday April 17th 11:30 – 12:30 pm
    - Tuesday May 15th 11:30 – 12:30 pm
  - June will be a BBQ
    - Date TBD
  - March date was changed
  - Need more faculty involvement/involvement beyond free lunch
- 15x4
  - 4 students talk about different topics for 15 minutes each
  - Include people from different departments
- PTX/BME Mixer
  - Was at Blondies before
  - This year is aiming for the Graduate
  - Possibly April 13th (not set in stone)
- BMEGG Conference
  - Need presenters
  - Consideration of balance of oral vs poster presentations
- Outreach
  - There will be a call for volunteers for the Design Challenge (Sunday, April 15) soon, so keep an eye on your emails!
  - Sam Tucci is looking for volunteers for STEM for Girls (May 5). Applications to be a Team Leader can be accessed here.
    - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewnAflIlgB8DUJJZqCWHXOpGlqFBpVitmUuH4g-IhH32txA/viewform?usp=sf_link
    - Contact Sam for details or if you have any questions.
  - New industry tours TBD. Waiting to hear back from a few companies.
  - Elementary school visits (ice cream making, alginate worms, etc.) in the works. Stay tuned.
- We’re on Slack!
  - Email Dustin Hadley to join (djhadley@ucdavis.edu)