

Student PDG

Members Present: Byron Chaves (Chair), Lily Yang (Vice Chair), Susan Hammons (Social Chair), Matthew Moore (Secretary), Stephanie Pollard (Treasurer), Margaret Duckson, Ellen Evans, Clyde Manuel, Keila Perez, Songsirin Ruengvisesh, Patrick Spanninger and Ellen Thomas.

Board Members Present: Don Zink.

New Members Present: Sinem Acar, Nicole Arnold, Matthew Bailey, Andrea Balutis, Lauren Bowman, Jagpinder Brar, Yue Cui, Eileen Duarte Gomez, Kris Gerard Alvarez, Eric Handy, Van Ho, Buddhini Jayasundera, Simran Kaur, Pushpinder Litt, Veronica Rodriguez-Martinez, Maria Elena Tanabe, Daniel Wright and Shuang Wu.

Visitors/Guests: None for meeting.

Meeting Called to Order: 1:25 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Matthew Moore.

Old Business: Presentation of outgoing officers.

New Business: Introduction of new officers occurred and new members were welcomed. Discussion occurred of suggestions for roundtable. Ellen Thomas suggested the topic of how to communicate food science to others about a controversial topic related to food safety. Further, she suggested how to convey risk communication to a lay audience. Byron Chaves also suggested potentially partnering with the Molecular Methods PDG to propose a symposium on CRISPRs. It was decided that other student symposium related topics would be discussed via conference call in the coming weeks. A date is still pending. The deadline for proposals is October 14, 2014.

Additionally, collaboration and involvement of the SPDG with other PDGs was discussed. Specifically, collaboration with the Developing Professionals PDG, Packaging PDG, and Advanced Molecular Methods PDG was discussed, potentially to have speakers and propose mutually beneficial symposium/ roundtable topics. Also, Susan Hammons suggested more student involvement in the Retail Food Safety PDG as she is the student liaison and she proposed potentially have a mentoring program.

Next, potential speakers were discussed. The need for bringing in new people, possibly from outside of food safety would be beneficial, as it would provide fresh ideas and perspectives. Also, social media efforts to keep SPDG members connected were discussed. Facebook and LinkedIn pages for the group were discussed and will likely be created soon. Finally, the topic of getting more undergraduate involvement was discussed along with the possibility of a mentoring program.

Recommendations to the Executive Board: None.

Next Meeting Date: July 25, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:55 p.m.

Chairperson: Byron Chaves.