

1. MD/PhD Panel
 - a. Frank asked for input about organizing the MD/PhD panel
 - b. E-board decided to tentatively schedule for next Wednesday, January 16th at 5:30 pm
 - c. We're aiming to have 5 panelists and possibly pre-med advisor (Dr. McDowelle). BMES might co-organize event with RPMS
 - d. E-board members will contact graduate students and MD/PhD students to invite them to join the panel
 - e. BMES providing Jason's Deli
2. Curriculum Discussion
 - a. E-board discussed possible events dealing with discussing the BIOE curriculum and how it can be improved
 - b. We may have an informal forum with faculty (members of the curriculum committee) in February or March so that BIOE juniors and seniors can offer their ideas regarding the curriculum, the BIOE department, etc. (including ideas about how the BIOE department can form better connections with industry or start a coop program, etc.). This would be a good chance for BIOEs to offer a wide range of ideas to the BIOE department, and student ideas & concerns regarding the curriculum may be referred to in future years when committees review the curriculum.
 - c. If anyone has any input about the curriculum (especially juniors), please email Frank your ideas.
3. Company Tour
 - a. Allen talked about his contact with Ethicon Endosurgery (J&J company). Allen's also working on organizing a tour with Introgen. Coincidentally, Rice Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering (IBB) just arranged for a tour for February 22nd for the NIH Biotechnology Training Grant graduate students so Allen's working with IBB to see if BMES can join the tour or go on a separate day. BMES may fund some of the transportation.
4. Senior BIOE Pub Crawl (50 days)
 - a. Amanda proposed an idea for an evening when seniors can go to pub with BIOE profs (like Dr. Raphael) – this would be a chance for seniors to spend time together and with BIOE professors
 - b. One possibility is to go off campus to a pub accessible by light rail. If seniors would rather not go off campus, the event could be held around Valhalla
 - c. Amanda will head this project
5. BIOE Social/Study Break
 - a. Allen proposed for BMES to organize BIOE socials/study break/outings
 - b. E-board decided on a putting together a mixer in two weeks for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty with ice cream, toppings, and cookies (Oreos) → tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 25th at 4 pm in Keck lobby
 - c. \$150 budgeted for the event
 - d. We'll publicize the event to undergraduates, graduates, and faculty

- e. Allen will head this project
- 6. Fundraising
 - a. BMES needs to do some fundraising in order to apply for grants to support BMES events or request funding from the BIOE department/School of Engineering/industry companies
 - b. BMES won't necessarily be funded by the BIOE department next year (this year was the first) so it would be good to do some fundraising for next year.
 - c. E-board discussed some ideas for fundraising such as:
 - i. Amanda suggested cleaning up Reckling Park after a baseball game
 - ii. Wafa suggested thinking about some kind of service that BIOEs can provide to raise money
 - iii. Mariko suggested selling candy test tubes for Valentine's Day with a choice of Valentine messages (nerdy or non-nerdy)
 - d. E-board will try to think more about ideas before next meeting