

Date: May 12, 2015

Time: 10 - 11 AM

Bluejeans call in information:

- 1) Dial: +1 888 240 2560 (US or Canada only)
- 2) Enter Conference ID: 176564440

Action Items:

Attendance: Val, Krista, Lucas, Sara, Danielle, Richard, Josh, Brock, Eric

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### **Agenda**

1. Intro: Lucas (APS FGSA student delegate for AAAS Science & Human Rights Coalition)
  - a. Essay & poster competition for science and human rights
2. 2015 March & April Meeting, how did it go (Val)
3. CAM 2015 Update (Val, Josh, Richard, Manolis, Krista)
4. Treasury
5. 2016 March & April Meeting Update (Krista)
6. Thoughts from APS Council (Eric)

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### **Minutes**

1. Intro: Lucas (APS FGSA student delegate for AAAS Science & Human Rights Coalition)
  - a. Essay & poster competition for science and human rights  
**2015 AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition Student Competitions**  
Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate in the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition [Student Poster Competition](#) and [Student Essay Competition](#). Both are designed to inspire students to explore connections between human rights and science, engineering and health, and are supported by the [AAAS-Andrew M. Sessler Fund for Science, Education and Human Rights](#). Prizes include a AAAS membership, Science subscription and cash! For more information, contact Theresa Harris at [tharris@aaas.org](mailto:tharris@aaas.org).
  - b. Deadline for essay competition: May 22, 2015
  - c. Deadline for poster competition: **Friday, June 26, 2015**
  - d. **Action item:** Advertise competitions to larger FGSA community, DONE :)
2. 2015 March & April Meeting, how did it go
  - a. Both very well received
  - b. great collaboration on w/ Careers & FIAP - goal to continue this
    - i. No content overlap with those sessions
    - ii. Successful advertising of Careers & FIAP sessions to grad students
  - c. Daily facebook post very useful

- d. March
  - i. Reception and dance party for students (badly advertised)... “it was a riot”
- e. April
  - i. Unofficial “grad night out” held
- 3. CAM 2015 Update - Val, Josh, Richard, Manolis, Krista
  - a. Oaxaca, Mexico. September 9-12, 2015
  - b. General Update from Val
  - c. Travel grant money - FGSA
    - i. Awaiting NSF response
  - d. Budget for CAM
    - i. Can special CAM travel grant be available?
    - ii. \$40k available in open budget for FY15/16
  - e. Visa Letter Process
    - i. Val handles forwarding messages to SMF for invitation letters
  - f. FGSA representative on site
    - i. Amy will be going
    - ii. Val will be applying; looking for personal funding
  - g. Shipping/promotional materials?
- 4. Treasury
  - a. Approximately \$54 K in FGSA budget
  - b. Approximately \$40 K in FGSA budget after usual FGSA travel awards
  - c. \$20k available next year from APS if under \$50k end of CY15
  - d. \$12k budgeted per year for travel grants (general)
    - i. Possibly increase # of grants offered per quarter (2 more/quarter = \$4k/year?)
    - ii. To do: Propose (via email) permanent increase in awards for FGSA Travel grants from 5~6 awards per quarter to 7~8 awards per quarter, pending availability to funds and merit.
    - iii. To do: APS CAM 2015 organizing committee propose large allocation (\$10k~\$15k) of FGSA funds to support student travel
  - e. Advertising budget for promotional materials?
    - i. Not provided at APS sponsored events in general
- 5. 2016 March & April Meeting Update - Krista
  - i. RR: Session theme idea: Science and Human Rights Coalition
    - 1. **To Do**: check in to co-sponsorship possibilities
  - ii. “Don’t Take Your Grant for Granted” booth
  - iii. “Strongly Encourage” (but not demand) that FGSA travel award recipients participate in APS-sponsored events, e.g., graduate social
- b. March
  - i. Dance/reception? Clarify advertising and scheduling?
    - 1. Who organized?
- c. April
  - i. Val - beneficial to have FGSA event. Reception/Networking

- ii. Need to setup within APS meeting planning committee
  - d. Budget
    - i. Use some \$ to have a social events for grad students at both conferences
    - ii. Co-sponsor event to avoid overlap with pre-planned graduate social activities but also compliment pre-existing plans?
      - 1. FIP once held an “ethnic dinner” that was a big hit...could we collaborate with them or another similar group?
  - e. **To do:** Set up a phone meeting soon (this week) for all members of planning committees
    - i. Include Lucas into these emails, phone calls
- 6. Thoughts from APS Council - Eric
  - a. Topics that we would like brought to the council?
  - b. One option is to email ideas, or tell Eric
  - c. Next meeting Nov.