**Meeting date:** Mar 1, 2023

**Items discussed:**

1. Election
2. Potential club names
3. Ideas (financial, organizational, activities)

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

President: Ally Dalaya

Vice President: Joshua Oyekanmi

Treasurer: Moshe Steyn

Secretary: Dakota Salyer

Student Ambassadors: Cristian Salazar De Leon, Ciara Garcia

Faculty reps: This position is tentative (pending approval from the faculty). If approved, Cristian Salazar De Leon and Ciara Garcia have been voted into this position.

**Potential club names:**

1. PLANT (could be an acronym or left as is)
2. Plub (Plant sciences/pathology + Club = Plub)
3. P-PHAGE
4. Phytocats
5. Phytofiends
6. ‘GRAPs' (Graduate Students’ Association of Plant Sciences)
7. ‘GAPS (Graduate Students’ Association of Plant Sciences)
8. SAPS (Society of Aspiring Plant Scientists)

**Ideas Discussed:**

**Financial:**

1. Come up with a budget before planning any activities, contact Amanda Armendariz and speak with Dr. Orbach about having a specific yearly or semesterly budget for the club so that future plans can be made. Ask if there is already a set amount of funds to be allocated.
2. For some activities or items, we can apply for funds thru ASUA if we become an ASUA recognized club.

**Organizational**:

1. One idea could be to have two faculty advisors- one for PLP and one for PLS, so that both majors are represented. Dr. Orbach is the current faculty advisor (PLP). Mark Beilstein is one idea for a potential PLS advisor.

**Ideas for Activities/club business:**

1. Collaborate/speak with PLS departments at other universities and other departments at the U of A.
2. Mushroom hunting :)
3. Have a logo design contest, winning logo can be on a tshirt for PLS graduate students
4. Organize a retreat
5. semesterly sports games between students and faculty or PLS and PLP
6. organize an orientation hosted by current students for new students
7. Have one hour monthly meetings
8. Bring up important grad student issues with faculty
9. Find a way to have workshops/short classes available to PLS students (ex: R or python workshops)

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Next steps:

1. Email all graduate students with a form to fill out- form will ask about availability during the week, club name suggestions, comments
2. Make edits to the constitution. All graduate students will have the opportunity to suggest edits for one week. Final constitution draft must be accepted/voted on by grad students (can be through an online form).
3. Schedule next meeting for early April

Things to discuss in next meeting

1. When do terms of officer positions officially start?