

UO SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native American in Science) Meeting 1  
11 members in attendance  
October 23, 2014

Start: 5:36 p.m.  
Ended: 6:28 p.m.

Minutes:

Introduction of officers:

Maira Amezcua (president)  
Ruth Siboni (VP)  
Isabel Hernandez-Fuente\* (treasurer)  
Margarita Carrillo (secretary)

Introduction of liaisons:

Betti Wanjeri (Biochemistry)  
Yesenia Avellaneda (Human Physiology)  
Matt Clark (Biology)

Advisors:

Benjamin Aleman (Physics)  
Jim Prell (Chemistry)  
Santiago Jaramillo (Biology)  
Jana Prikyl (Biology)

Background information: [sacnas.org](http://sacnas.org), here to create a diverse scientific community.  
Meeting is open to all students (undergrads, grads, postdocs...)

Goals:

- To build a mentoring program within science fields
- To provide development workshops, career opportunities, social events and science outreach.

Question: Will mentoring program be formalized?

Answer: For now, mentoring program will be informal. Eventually, a more formal arrangement can be made with an increase in membership.

About the SACNAS conference:

This year it was in LA. Undergraduates and HS students interacted with UO faculty for information in grad/undergrad programs. In conference, undergrads are able to present research (poster presentation) and graduates also present (posters and talk). Financial support in future could come from the Office of Equity and Inclusion. There are also

small scholarships available. Office of the President also could prioritize presenters to go to the conference in following years.

From SACNAS attendees: Conference seems geared more towards undergraduates. A lot of universities and institutions show up to table as well. Around 3,000 people show up. Can be beneficial to graduate students in terms of workshops and career opportunities.

Interested in Summer Research?

Maira brought back information from SACNAS conference. Look through and get information! Information will be kept in Maira's office.

Other specific opportunities: Funding through DARPA, McNair, SPUR, JPL.

Brainstorm for future events (science-related/career-related)

Ideas!!!!

- Mad scientist club (discussion on “fringe” science, exploring the edges of science, for ex: teleporting, similar to “philosophy science”) (**October 30<sup>th</sup>**)
- Bring in guest speakers from industry
- Workshop: learn how to talk about your research **NOV 4<sup>th</sup>, hosted by UO Innovation Club, 5pm, 107 KL, need to RSVP, email [scooper2@uoregon.edu](mailto:scooper2@uoregon.edu). In email say: “IJC, Yes!”**
- Connect with UO Innovation Club (a journal club, but in a different light. It's designed for the scientist that wants to go to industry or start own business, “Benchtop to Market”)
- Collaboration with STEM core, outreach
- Giving a forum for undergraduate/graduate research talks
- Professional development (how to give a good talk, write a paper, revise, etc.), possibly as preparation for SACNAS conference?
- Bubble science presentation for fun!

Future meetings:

For October 30<sup>th</sup>: Mad Scientist Club

For November: Attend Tuesday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> workshop at 5pm 107 Klamath Hall. Add in an additional meeting discussing TED Talks (what makes it a good talk?) on November 13<sup>th</sup>. November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will discuss the workshop for those who attended as well as TED talks.

Next meeting: Halloween Special! Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm.

Announcements: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm, 240D Willamette. “Putting your Physics Degree to Work”