

iGEM weekly meeting  
4/15/12

### Announcements

Bob – Making progress to learn wiki coding and editing. Will also try to edit the wiki with current ideas and team info.

Adi – meeting with Joe Bradley, Angela's contact, as a potential Entrepreneurship advisor. Meeting is at Friday at 1:30. Angela will also be attending. Dr. Amos has also given card access to DCL to Adi, Uros, and Angela. They also received lab tours and saw the technology we now have access to. Adi is working with Alex to see how quickly the website can be up and running (ideal – end of the month). Also has some contacts if we decide that the PUF application should be HIV. UNC Prof. Tracie Hall will be contacted to see if PUF has uses with HIV. (Contact by Angela)

Uros - Prof. Ha was contacted over PUF research. Emails have been gathered and professors have been contacted over potential collaborations. All of the labs have been quite friendly and receptive. The more opinions the better!

Anthony – Checking with Courtney and Melissa that the books are balanced. The traveling funds we applied for are the 3 days the Friday weekend of July 13-15. (Leave Friday, get back on Sunday). Busing and driving are being considered as options.

Asha – will be visiting the Engineering Council office to check out the availability of funds for the July traveling. Also, the U Mich pres will be emailed about human practices collaborations.

Angela – Next Sunday the President of the University of Michigan iGEM will be coming to our meeting! Contacted Mat Song, last year's human practices director, and that correspondence has been sent to Asha.

Divya – Undergraduate Research Symposium went well! The pictures from that will be posted to facebook, and a new twitter and flicker will be created for iGEM to broadcast our work. During the summer, we will also have a blog on the iGEM website, spearheaded by Divya and Cara. Divya will also be creating a biography of our work, focusing on our opinions and perceptions of synbio before, during, and after the summer. Everyone is invited to the IGB Fellows, but previous members will be presenting the old E. Chiver poster. Everyone is registered though, so go grab a free lunch and listen to the talk!

Cara – Let's have a get together before finals! The tentative date is reading day. This will probably be our last meeting/get together before dispersing for finals and until May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Agenda

What's our timeline?

Proposed timeline: Next Tuesday – advisor’s meeting to present our more specific project proposals. Human practices and entrepreneurship should also prepare presentations. April 22 – presentations to update and further refine proposals. April 24- Advisor’s meeting: Human practices and entrepreneurship give formal presentations to advisors. May 1 – last advisor’s meeting to discuss final plans for the summer and for projects. This is the last meeting before dispersing! (In general, weekly meetings are updating and planning the projects. Advisor’s meetings are for presenting and getting critiques on these project ideas and plans).

More specific plans:

- Phat project: A solid plan will be developed by the last advisor’s meeting. So this project will lag behind the PUF project slightly. Phat group will physically meet Monday night at the UGL.
- Human Practices: We will go ahead with the idea of standardizing the search for biobricks and past iGEM projects.
- Entrepreneurship: Progress does depend on what the final project will be. At that point the entrepreneurship advisors will help us make a decision about what plan of action is best for the entrepreneurship competition. Once the project is known and the option is chosen, the application will be a relatively simple execution. Major project should be made during the summer.
- Wiki: Does a separate wiki need to be done for the entrepreneurship competition? The wiki template will be set up, so that during the summer our data will just be slotted in. This minimizes the work done during summer.
- PUF: further applications will be looked into. We will google + hangout on Monday night to discuss the proposal presentation. Take the initiative to contact UNC researchers if necessary.

Next advisor’s meeting! Dress up to take a formal picture (that means suits and jackets!)

Tentative agenda: Brief discussion of ideas for entrepreneurship and human practices. Then PUF and Phat present, followed by a great deal of discussion. We will also ask if it is feasible to do a main project, a side project, and the entrepreneurship competition.