2nd iGEM Meeting

MINUTES

20/02/2013

17.00-18.00

CBCB 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM

CHAIR OF MEETING	Chris Wall
MINUTE TAKER	Alina Tamciuc
ATTENDEES	Alina Tamciuc, Chris Wall, Geoff Pettitt, Isabelle McLaren, James King, Jen Hallinan, Justas Miknys, Matthew Law, Neil Wipat, Owen Gilfellon, Robert McKiernan, Vincent Leonardo, Vivian Wong, Yana Demyanenko

Agenda topics

- Apologies
 CV/ Skillset

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 Funding
 Registration
 Wiki
 Requirements
- 7. The project- what is it? 8. AOB

CV/ SKILLSET

DISCUSSION	The CVs that have been sent are missing specific skills set and are not available to everyone.		
CONCLUSIONS	A new wiki CV page has to be created on the wiki and everyone should upload their new revised CV with specific skill sets so everyone can see them. If someone does not wish to make it available to everyone email Jen or Neil. This will enable us to match people to specific tasks and funding opportunities.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Make a CV page on wiki		Chris Wall, Robert McKiernan	27/02/2013
Upload your CV with a <u>list of specific skill set</u> on the wiki on the CV page		Alina Tamciuc, Chris Wall, Geoff Pettitt, Isabelle McLaren, James King, Justas Miknys, Matthew Law, Owen Gilfellon, Robert McKiernan, Vincent Leonardo, Vivian Wong, Yana Demyanenko	27/02/2013
Make sure everyone has done so		Vincent Leonardo	Until Done

FUNDING

DISCUSSION	We will have to make a list and research potential sources which are interested in synthetic biology. Can look at examples from last year. Where can we get free t-shirts? We should each draft a letter to apply for funding, we can look at examples. Head of computer since-send reminder. All letters should go through Neil and Jen to make sure they are appropriate and that we can appeal to that source.		
CONCLUSIONS	A wiki page need to be created and everyone should start looking for possible funding sources.		
ACTION ITEMS PERSON RESPONSI		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Make a funding page on wiki		Chris Wall, Robert McKiernan	27/02/2013
Start looking for possible funding sources		Everyone	TBC

REGISTRATION

DISCUSSION	Cannot apply yet but should open soon. Need to set up team as soon as it opens.		
CONCLUSIONS	Keep an eye on the iGEM web page to see when registration opens.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Check iGEM web page regularly in order to see when registration opens		Everyone	Until Done
Register as a team		Everyone	TBC

WIKI

DISCUSSION	We should start uploading all files on the internal wiki page that Chris and Rob have set up for us. Should be used to upload ideas, discuss funding opportunities and upload our CV and skillset. Everything we write on the wiki page should preferably be saved first as we might be logged off the page or other problems. Pay attention to what file type you are uploading, might not be supported.		
CONCLUSIONS	Should create a page on the wiki for funding, ideas and CV. Everyone should start using it.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Add/ change file formats accepted by the internal wiki		Chris Wall, Jen Hallinan, Neil Wipat, Robert McKiernan	Until Done
Apart from adding a funding and CV page(mentioned above), should also create one for our ideas		Chris Wall, Robert McKiernan	27/02/2013

THE PROJECT

DISCUSSION	Themes: B subtilis, E coli, yeast, bacterium communication (lots of enterprise at Newcastle). Ideas so far: sense moisture levels, terraforming, wood protection, carcinogen for research, nanowires. Inspiration for ideas can come from thinking about world problem: hunger, poverty, drugs, obesity, pollution, clean water, drug resistance, energy production, anti-terrorism, security, information storage. Keep in mind what categories we can get a shiny trophy for: food/ energy, environment, health/medicine, manufacturing, new applied area, foundation advance, information procession.		
CONCLUSIONS	Need to start making a list and narrowing down our ideas.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Put your initial ideas on the idea wiki page		Alina Tamciuc, Geoff Pettitt, Isabelle McLaren, James King, Justas Miknys, Matthew Law, Owen Gilfellon, Vincent Leonardo, Vivian Wong, Yana Demyanenko	27/02/2013

Next Meeting

Location : CBCB 2nd floor meeting room

Date and Time :27/02/2013

Minute Taker :Isabelle McLaren

Chair of Meeting :Geoff Pettitt