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**BSGSA Invited Speaker:** Our invited speaker, Marcus Davis, will be here Thursday and Friday, March 25 & 26. He will be going to lunch and attending the Evolution Reading Group Thursday and Patrick is organizing a potluck even in the Jordan room for that evening. Friday he will be going out for lunch and going his seminar to the department. Jenn Seda has suggested allowing grad students to have first choice at signing up for time slots to meet with Dr. Davis. His tentative schedule will be on the BSGSA website. If you are interested in meeting with him either individually or as a lab group, check out the available time slots (including lunches) and give Jenn your preferences at [jseda@CLEMSON.EDU](mailto:jseda@CLEMSON.EDU). Also, be on the lookout for an e-mail from Patrick looking for volunteers for the Thursday night potluck.

**Chili Cook-off:** At the last BSGSA meeting it was suggested that we hold the cook-off on the 26<sup>th</sup>, this conflicted with the speaker, and Friday obligations so it has been moved to Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Jenn Seda has agreed to head up the advertizing commitment, if you would like to help out with that please let her know (copying, putting up fliers etc.). 25% of the proceeds from tickets will go to Relay for Life, and 100% of non-ticket associated donations will go to the cause. Please help and talk up this event as it has the potential to bring a good deal of revenue to the BSGSA and Relay.

**PEGs:** The system for this semester has been revamped and is now open for applications. It will close March 22<sup>nd</sup>, so if you are planning to submit an application, you have a little under 2 weeks. Apparently they have about \$33,000 for funding this go-round and can give up to \$1000 per student. They have changed a few things so that you can update your resume/CV after it has been uploaded. Last semester, nearly half of the applications were disqualified due to simple errors in math and following directions.

**Ski Retreat Document:** While at the ski retreat, your fellow students communicated a number of likes and dislikes within the department. Patrick sent out an e-mail earlier this week with the summary of events. If you have anything to add, or concerns about the issues brought to light, please contact Patrick at [pvigueli@CLEMSON.EDU](mailto:pvigueli@CLEMSON.EDU).

**Snack Bar IOUs:** Pay off your snack bar tabs. We no longer have funds in the BSGSA accounts to pay for pizza at our meetings because \$190 is tied up in the snack bar tabs. Be responsible and PAY UP!!!

**Seat Cushions:** If anyone is interested in attending University events (sporting or otherwise) to sell the many seat cushions we have left over, please do. We are planning to put an ad in Craglist as well.

**BSGSA Elections:** At our next meeting, we will be taking nominations for BSGSA officers, and a vote for officers will happen by the end of April. Please come ready to nominate new officers at the next meeting.

**Emergency Faculty Meeting:** Within the last couple of weeks the CAFLS has moved to start the restructuring process by simplifying and eliminating the department system within the college. Apparently this will happen through the creation of four schools within the college that the various disciplinary programs will fall under. We have been assured that this is unlikely to influence us greatly as grad students, but it may be something for all of us to keep an ear open for.