

Health Science Symposium (HSS) Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

September 5, 2022, 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm

1. Dual credit instructors will be responsible for selecting the top 3 student abstracts from each of their courses.
 - a. Names of fall semester students need to be submitted to the committee by the end of the fall semester (or by the same date the spring students need to be submitted...we just need to make sure these students are aware they have been chosen and to keep an eye on an invitation to the HSS course/Canvas emails and keep up with communication)
 - b. Names of spring semester students need to be submitted to the committee by February 15th. The top 50-60 that are selected to present will be matched with the mentor, but all other students will be put on an "alternates" list.
2. If we have more than 50-60 abstracts, committee members who do not have participating students will select the top 50-60 to present at the symposium
3. DC students will then be paired with a biological science student mentor in our HSS Canvas group, to get feedback on their poster presentations. We discussed requiring a certain number of meetings between mentors and dual credit students. We will have to set a deadline for communication as well. If we have a nonresponsive student, they can be replaced by the next person on the alternate list.
4. The HSS will be held on Thursday, April 20th from 5:30-7:00ish at the McKinney Conference Center (Tanya has been working on getting it reserved)
 - a. Judges will be a combination of faculty who do not have participating students and biological science students who did not serve as mentors. Judging will happen at the event. Students will not be required to submit anything to Canvas course this year. Family and friends are welcome to attend
 - b. We discussed having light refreshments. We need to decide what this will be so we can ask for SAFAC funds. I think Seema worked with Michael in the spring and may know more about the process of getting funds, but I do know we should decide this and get paperwork submitted ASAP. I was thinking something like cookie trays and water/tea or lemonade...What do you all think?
6. Last item - I think it would be great if we could offer scholarships to the winners again. Last year's winners claimed their money, so we need donations if we plan to offer the scholarships. Committee members were given the opportunity to donate money for the HSS.