

SAACS Meeting - September 15, 2004

Members – 12 Faculty - 4

Old Business

- Osper Banquet at UC – October 15 - Dinner from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a poster session before dinner. The chemistry dept will pay half of dinner so you only pay \$6.00. Please contact saacs if you are interested.
- Tutors are still needed for the chemistry classes. If you could assist please contact BEP as soon as possible. This is a paying job!
- Don't forget National Chemistry Week! October 18-23
Library demos: Training session – 9/30/04; 7 pm – Summit Country Day Oct. 11; 4 pm – Ft. Thomas Branch; Oct. 12; 4 pm – Newport Branch; Oct. 14; 4 pm – Cold Springs Branch; Oct. 18; 8 pm – Walton Branch; Oct. 21; 3 pm – NKU SC 308
If you are interested in this, please contact Sarah Beetem or saacs.
- Fundraising Pie Style - Is there a chemistry dept faculty member that you'd like to see get hit with a pie? If so, then make sure you contribute to that person's jar. Stop by SC 204 F and add to their jar as many times as you like between now and the end of fall term. The one with the most will get a pie in their face! Weekly updates will be posted on the SAACS website. The money will go to support student travel to the spring annual meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Graduate School – Dr. Kempton

Myths about Graduate School

- 1) Funding – In chemistry, a graduate student pays no tuition and most fees are waived. They also pay you to go there. Most grad students are typically TA's for lab courses for a couple of years.
- 2) More Work? – Typically only two courses per semester and usually only 6-10 courses are required. The emphasis is on research and you usually pick a faculty member to work on after the first semester. There are a lot of choices and you get to decide whom to work for. The goal is to make you an independent researcher so that you can solve your own problems.
- 3) You don't need a 4.0 GPA to go!
- 4) Should you go? – Only if you love it! Do you like to be in the lab and do research? If you don't know for sure, talk to one of the MANY faculty members here at NKU and participate in undergraduate research!
- 5) Where should you go? – Basically, the best school possible. Needless to say, the best schools have the most opportunity. Look at many schools!
- 6) Why go? – You can go into teaching or be in charge of a lab. It can be hard to move up in a company with only your BS degree.
- 7) What do I do now? – Start by talking to a faculty about it as well as sign up to take the GRE. Go to www.gre.org for more info.

A very special thank you goes out to Dr. Kempton for coming to talk to SAACS about graduate school. Thank you for answering all of our questions and for the helpful advice!

Next meeting – October 6, 2004; Seminar in room SC402 at noon. Drinks and snacks will be provided.