

Proposal to Support ECRs

Proposal: The Student Activity Committee will formally be renamed the Early Career Professional Development Committee

Current description:

Part 15. Student Activity Committee: This committee oversees student activities throughout the society by working with the Student Representatives on the Executive Board. Areas of concern for the committee are maintenance and oversight of the student listserv, input on various society issues and items commented on by the Public Policy Committee, collaboration on student activities at the annual meeting, efforts affecting students by the Development Committee and the Development Officer of the BSA, and soliciting students who are interested in serving on society committees. In addition this committee will solicit students willing to review nominations and make recommendations for the Undergraduate Research Awards and the Young Botanists Awards. The Chair of the Student Activity Committee will forward the names of these student volunteers to the Executive Director, as the overall review of these awards will be coordinated through the BSA business office.

Revised description:

Part 15. Early Career Professional Development Committee: This committee oversees student activities throughout the society by working with the Student Representatives on the Executive Board. **Areas of concern for the committee are professional development and mentorship for early career researchers including undergraduates, graduates, postdoctoral fellows, and new faculty. The efforts of this committee should include, but are not limited to, implementing mentorship programs within BSA in regards to peer review and grant writing, creating general training opportunities for early career members, and maintaining early career membership. This committee will collaborate with the Student Representatives on student activities, including CV reviews and Careers in Botany Luncheon, at the annual meeting and throughout the year.**