

iGEM MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 21, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Hazim, Wayne, Remko, Jason, Emera, Zach, Diana, Jeremiah, James

1. We are meeting the other team on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at Avenue Pizza. If you don't know where it is, then use Google. Our goal is to get the other team drunk and steal their ideas.
2. Alberty Ingenuity guy is fired and taken to the basement of an agency that doesn't exist because of skeletons in the closet. Lesson learned: don't argue with your boss when he says that throwing money at a problem is the solution.
3. Medical Microbiology & Immunology gave us \$6000 thanks to Zach's efforts.
4. The NINT Biochemistry Lab Spectrophometer is broken. NINT will do a lacZ assay on Tuesday to verify the plasmid.
5. There is a test plasmid and a gate plasmid that produces an input to the test plasmid.
6. So you know, the steps are Obtain Oligo -> PCR ->Ligate -> Transform -> Setup Overnights -> Plasmid Miniprep -> Sequence Plasmid
7. The above procedure takes a minimum of 3 days. Plasmid production will take place in Bio Sci lab. E-mail Wayne if you want to work in the Bio Sci lab.
8. Wiki Notebook is getting done, and procedures are on the wiki.
9. Hazim will make a cool Flash animation that will show how the DNA moves around to do what we want it to. Maybe I will put some subliminal messages so that everybody who watches it agrees that our team should win.
- 10.Wiki needs a better description of the project.
- 11.Programming team needs Visual Studio 2005. But nobody has Visual Studio 2005 and nobody renewed the license. There is a new Visual Studio and it makes the program mad and doesn't work.
- 12.E-mailing higher academic staff at the University of Alberta results in a boilerplate redirection to the SEA grant competition. March was the deadline for the previous competition and September is the next one.
- 13.Shannon will talk to Rick about getting some financial support.

14. Dr. Nils Petersen will fund the “half-baked ideas workshop” on August 16. There will be free lunch and free coffee and possibly beer.
15. And maybe you can practice a presentation there like Wayne’s idea of the self-repairing road.
16. If you go fundraising and are unable to meet somebody or have questions, e-mail Zach. And don’t ask people to give you lunch and money too. If you have to meet them at lunch, pack a lunch so they think that you are poor.
17. Sunday-Monday-Tuesday in September is the AGEM meeting. People keep nagging Wayne about who is attending the AGEM meeting. So if you don’t tell him, you’re not going. If you need to skip a lab, you can attend another lab that week (if available). If you need to skip anything else, they will write you a letter of support. If your professor doesn’t agree, then we will ask the president to fly you there on her private jet.
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19. SU registration was completed. Or so we thought. There were lots of questions. And apparently there are other parts that don’t exist yet that have to be completed.