

# NEWSLETTER



## DEC. 2024 TOWN HALL REVIEW

**First**, Prof. Sweedler along with members of SWC and DCGSAC are currently in the process of surveying all research groups within the chemistry department about their lab culture. Once complete, this information will be compiled by Prof. Sweedler and will be given to the department head for use in future decisions.

**Second**, Raylene Gomez Hernandez, the assistant director of DEI in the Chemical Sciences, will be now be performing exit interviews for students of the chemistry department. At the end of every semester all interviews will be anonymized and a summarized report will be given to the department head, in hopes to better inform and address departmental issues.

**Third**, the quantitative results of the LAS climate survey have become available to professors, and SWC is advocating to get those results released to the student body.

## FIRST YEAR ROTATIONS POLL

This past fall, all first-year chemical biology students were given the opportunity to perform three 5 week rotations before joining a research group. The department is now considering implementing rotations across all areas. SWC wants your opinion! **Fill out this short poll about chemistry department rotations!** This data will be used by SWC to inform the department about the student body's viewpoint on rotations as a whole.



**Additionally, SWC will be holding a meeting on January 27th at 5:00 PM in Noyes 161 discussing rotations and other student concerns.**

## GROUP EXPECTATIONS

Group expectations documents have finally been released and are accessible to anyone with a NetID. Please be sure to check your lab's document to ensure that no changes have been made without your knowledge.



## GET INVOLVED

**SWC** -- meets first Monday of month, 3 pm in CLSL-C 605, email [lukepw2@illinois.edu](mailto:lukepw2@illinois.edu)

## CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

If you witness any behavior that is inconsistent with our Community Values and Expectations, please notify the department by following this QR code, and clicking on the link "[go.illinois.edu/CHEMREPORT](https://go.illinois.edu/CHEMREPORT)"

Your submission is completely anonymous and will only be reviewed by Raylene Gomez Hernandez, the assistant director of DEI in the Chemical Sciences. After review, Raylene will decide on the appropriate action steps to identify and intervene in the aforementioned issue.

