**Week 11: Oral presentations I - The basics:**
Preparation material, effective visuals, common mistakes, engaging the audience, practicing and critical evaluation, preparing for questions, and how to answer questions effectively.
There will be a discussion of effective methods for brief presentations of select ideas, in the context of short presentations to students in a teaching laboratory, a discussion section, or during a poster presentation.

**Instructor’s Outline:**

Talking the Talk: Effective oral presentations
(Sean’s powerpoint presentation)

**Important Tools when starting to prepare an oral presentation: (20min)**

“How To” Tool (20 min)

**Hints & Tips**

Presentation example of a graduate students talk (20min) from third year graduate students (Nolan/ Sujata) – then have the students discuss the things that the students liked/disliked like as well as the things that could be changed.

**Refreshment Break (15min)**

**Summary: (10min)**
Preparation – Keep it simple … Clarity…. Printing: Color, large format (Biology Dept Posters)

**The Great Debate: Preparation**
Assign teams and give the students the rules and topics for the debate, which will be held the following week.