

PGSA Committee Meeting
14 August 2014

chair: David Garand
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attendants:

Brian Fields
David Garand (president)
Andy Hesselbrock (community building)
Mary Ann Hodge (PGSG senator)
Antoine Martin (secretary)
Kelsie Niffenegger (teaching & professional development)
Harshad Sahasrabudhe (computer representative)
Valentyn Stadnytskyi (grad seminar)
Brendan Sullivan (research progress & human resources)
Julien Varennes (community building)

Minutes:

16:06 – Meeting begins.

16:07 – We can organize some casual physics grad student soccer—Wednesdays?

16:10 – new grad students

- We should introduce PGSA to first year students during orientation.
- When should we spend time with them?
- Who wants to volunteer to help advise them?
- What social event should we have to welcome them:
 - Take them to
 - 9 Irish Brothers?
 - Neon Cactus?
 - The Pint?
 - Scotty's?
 - Play board games in the grad lounge?

Professors Carlson and Love are the department's new ombudspersons.

16:22 – grad seminar

- Can grad seminar start on 9/1?
- Grad seminar can be used to discuss any interesting physics, not necessarily just research.

16:27 – Harshad presents website.

pizza lunch planned for 9/21 at noon

16:40 – Meeting ends.

34 minutes
