

PGSA Committee Meeting
23 September 2014

chair: David Garand
vice president: Andy Hesselbrock
treasurer: Jacques Pienaar
secretary: Antoine Martin

attendants:

David Garand (president)
Andy Hesselbrock (vice president)
Mary Ann Hodge (PGSG senator)
Antoine Martin (secretary)
Darryl Masson
Jignesh Mehta
Bob Niffenegger
Jacques Pienaar (treasurer)
Brendan Sullivan (research progress & human resources)

Minutes:

15:02 – Meeting begins.

grad seminar:

- Committee discusses how to increase number of volunteers to speak.
- How often should grad seminars take place? every two weeks as in the past?
- Can and should we get any faculty to give a talk?
- Should we advertize the talks via email?

15:05 – budget:

- 10/24 is the deadline to submit an application for funding for Spring 2015.
- PGSA still has \$600 to spend this semester.
 - Some of this money can buy furniture; we should research prices.
- The books donated for Liberia have still not left Purdue.
- Room 19C belongs to PGSA, but we should consult Dr. Lewicki before removing any electronics from there.
- We need a coffee pot. Maybe Brendan can take care of this.
- 15:14 – We may need a safety representative for PGSA.

15:16 – department shirts:

- Darryl and Jacques volunteer.
- Designs should be updated to include *Astronomy* in the department's name.
- David will find designs and send an email around for votes.

15:22 – social events

- An email will go to all physics grad students for an open meeting.
- October
 - Brendan will check haunted houses.
 - Lingshan and Andy may look into Lafayette's corn maze.

15:25 – David will set up a meeting with Prof. Hirsch and other interested grad students.

Meeting ends.

23 minutes
