

PGSA Committee Meeting  
23 April 2014

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chair: Bob Niffenegger  
treasurer: Jacques Pienaar  
secretary: Antoine Martin

attendants:

Reza Afra  
Peter Anderson  
Mridula (Mri) Damodaran  
Kate Davis  
Brian Fields  
David Garand  
Wolfe Greene  
Andy Hesselbrock (community building)  
Mary Ann Hodge  
Antoine Martin (secretary)  
Bob Niffenegger (president)  
Kelsie Niffenegger (teaching & professional development)  
Jacques Pienaar (treasurer)  
Feng Qi  
Shayne Reichard  
Valentyn Stadnytskyi (grad seminar)  
Brendan Sullivan  
Julien Varennes

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Minutes:

17:30 – Meeting begins.

17:32 – faculty awards

- Professor Martin Kruczenski wins this year's Spira Award.
- 17:37 – We should find a plaque (~\$15) for the Outstanding Advisor Award and perhaps for the teaching / Spira Awards.
- We should give the winning professor a gift (PGSA currently has \$863).

17:42 – Prof. Haugan wants us to suggest core course instructors to him.

17:43 – General PGSA Meeting (David)

- We should have an open forum with pizza to tell the general physics grad student population what PGSA is.

17:46 – Elections for 2014-2015 PGSA Committee

- Bob reads descriptions of position functions.
- Candidate List (Asterisks denote elected candidates)

president:

1. **David Garand\***
2. Andy Hesselbrock
3. Brendan Sullivan

vice president:

1. **Andy Hesselbrock\***
2. Brendan Sullivan

treasurer:

1. **Jacques Pienaar\***

secretary:

1. **Antoine Martin\***

computer representative (PCN) / webmaster:

1. Peter Anderson
2. Mri Damodaran
3. Brian Fields
4. Wolfe Greene
5. Shayne Reichard
6. **Harshad Sahasrabudhe\***
7. Brendan Sullivan

grad seminar

1. **Valentyn Stadnytskyi\***

PGSG senator:

1. **Mary Ann Hodge\***
2. Julien Varennes

research progress & human resources:

1. Brian Fields
2. Wolfe Greene
3. Shayne Reichard
4. **Brendan Sullivan\***

teaching & professional development:

1. Mri Damodaran
2. Qi Feng
3. **Kelsie Niffenegger\***

community building:

1. Peter Anderson
2. **Julien Varennes\***

18:40 – transition from old committee to new committee meeting

general PGSA meeting

- David: There should be a general PGSA meeting, for all physics grad students.
- Two possibilities are to have this meeting on Wednesday 4/30 at noon and provide pizza or Tuesday at 17:30, in Room 203.
- We can ask people to reply ahead of time to estimate the amount of pizza needed.
- Katie: Previous members should, at this meeting, tell our peers what they have been doing this past year. Antoine, as secretary, should compile this list.

18:48 – Meeting ends.

78 minutes

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