

PGSA Minutes

10/1/2018

1. Grievance box – two inputs, nothing meaningful
2. Social events
 - a. Corn maze? Exploration Acres – two weekends from now?
 - b. People need to volunteer more
 - c. Basketball and football games – 20 people needed for group discount. Can happen in November or December.
3. Senate meeting updates
 - a. Internatioal student policy change – penalty for not updating your address on myISS portal within ten days of your change of address
 - b. Purdue village issue – undergrads bothering grad students. Sandy tried to help the student being bothered be able to terminate his lease. Purdue village did not allow him to terminate his lease for free. Amandeep has been asked to bring it up in the senate. Unknonw status.
4. International student affairs
 - a. People want English activities to attend.
 - b. International student affairs position has been submitted and waiting approval for entering the constitution
 - c. Language learning activity, not just English. Everyone learns everyone else's language? Not just language, regional culture/history.
 - d. Questions of how to get international students to PGSA events. Focusing on Chinese people right now. Board game night? Zhujing should send the email?
5. Research progress
 - a. Similar to the postdoc panel, have a 'soon to graduate panel' where people who are about to graduate talk about where they are going. Have in the spring.
6. Graduate seminars
 - a. Only has Brian Fields left right now.
7. Teaching concern in the PHYS 340 lab
 - a. PHYS 340 is a lab course – modern physics lab. Requires them to keep a lab notebook and maintain it. Prepare lab report like a real research paper. Course is one credit. Complaint is too much work for one credit. Problem with the coordinator may be that he is a theorist in an experimental course. Looks like he's looking at the labs for the first time. Coordinators seem to not care.
8. Budget
 - a. Tried to send a grant applicatioun in September. To be able to submit a request have to provide a detailed list of how going to spend it. Going to send a GSOGA request in November. Have ~\$1000 in the account ledger right now.
 - b. If we have a surplus should use that – idea for how to use that – have people talk about students traveling for research. Travel grants and such. Abby is sending the email.
 - c. Have funds for adopt a road and should do that. Within three weeks.
9. Physics Outreach – Astronomy outreach

- a. Saturday morning astrophysics with David Sederberg
 - i. Not allowed to provide drinks/food to people who are not in PGSA if we make them.
 - b. Ask Rafael Lang for solar telescope?
10. Meeting with Finley
- a. Need volunteers – need people who are actually good representatives of their year. Should send an email to allow everyone to relay their concerns.