

## Department of Physics and Astronomy, Purdue University

### Physics Graduate Students Association

#### Meeting minutes

August 24, 2021

- We have about \$1600 in the PGSA Account.
  - We plan to spend around \$1100 this year.
- See Kristen in High Energy from mug sells. We need to collect and deposit.
  
- **Apply for funds in January- GSOGA Grant**
  - Before applying, we need to spend some of the money and have future events planned.
  - A good time to apply is in the Spring Semester, likely around January
- **Events for this Fall Semester**
  - **Events We Plan on Doing**
    - Kayaking in September.
      - This is contingent on if we get more rain to raise the water level.
    - Bowling one weekend in September.
      - We will be sending out a google form to determine what weekend works best for people and transportation needs
      - Once a date and time has been determined, we will need to reserve lanes.
    - Cookout at Pickett Park (unless someone volunteers their backyard)
      - Need to reserve a spot at least 2 weeks in advance at the CoRec and fill out the Social Event Form.
      - Need to make sure date does on coincide with a home football game
      - Ideally this will be in mid to late October
      - Ranadeep and Soumik are going to start the process
    - Thanksgiving Potluck
      - PGSA will cook the turkey
    - Monthly group dinners at a restaurant
      - A place needs to be picked and reservations need to be made
    - Pizza Grad Seminars
      - Costs around \$400 a semester
    - SPS Joint Event?
  - Total Cost is around \$1100
  - **Event Ideas that were discussed but will be unlikely to happen this fall**
    - Laser Tag
    - Escape Room
    - Observation Night
    - Coffee Wednesday

- We are unlikely to get permission to do this
  - Need to ask Debbie
- **Fundraiser**
  - We need a fundraiser this year.
  - The ideas suggested were
    - T-Shirts
    - Sweatshirts
    - Hoodies
    - Beanies
    - Water Bottles
    - Shot Glasses
    - Pint Glasses
  - These were narrowed down to either T-shirts with a different design than last time or shot glasses.
  - Ranadeep will send an email to PHYS ALL to Poll what people are most interested in
- **Sending our Concerns to the Department**
  - Grad student handbook needs updating
    - Hasn't been updated since 2015
  - Placement Exam
    - Core courses
  - No 600 level Classical Mechanics core course
  - No incentive to take the refresher courses- Especially Mechanics
  - PHYS696 course
    - Changed one credit to go for everyone on TA support
    - What is requirement for 696?
  - Requirements for Masters
  - Equivalence – does it provide credit hours
  - Amanda, Soumik, and Soham will begin drafting the letter