

PGSA 11/01/2019 Minutes

Updates:

GSOGA grant went through and mugs got sold. The GSOGA grant was of \$1345 and mugs worth ~\$600 have been sold till now.

We did Adopt-A-Road, Ice Cream/Pizza Social, Corn Maze, and Fall Cookout with generally good turnout.

Meetings with Finley: PHYS 112 will be used in the future for colloquia and increased attendance requirements. Will try and standardize core course syllabi, so that there is less variation in what is taught depending on the professor, with professors determining the topics. Forums was mostly about fund (theorists vs experimentalists, change fields, and professors being hired).

Need people for the Graduate Qualifying Exam Committee (GQEC). Recommended problems will be given out to incoming students. Email Troy if you want to join, even people outside of the PGSA.

Grad Seminars:

Nothing planned for this semester. Next semester, will plan to do it weekly. Maybe grad students from outside the department.

Preferable Course List:

List of courses to possibly be offered. Survey to determine those courses.

Abusive Advisors/Post Docs:

Ombudspersons for support and help graduate students. Need a replacement for Professor Love. For post docs, try and talk to your advisor. Compile a list of resources available to you, including possible office hours for ombudspersons, and resources outside the department to help. Maybe even forums with the ombudsperson(s).

Idea: Physical Nature or other journal for Grad Lounge

Outreach:

Saturday Morning Astrophysics (SMAP), Prairie Grass Observatory (PGO), for Astronomy night.

Thanksgiving Potluck:

Need volunteers for various activities (cooking, setting up, shopping, etc.). Get smaller birds. Before Thanksgiving weekend, and a list of possible dishes to help diversify the menu.

ECE Department Event:

World Dance Festival for the Spring Equinox (Friday 02/28). PGSA as a possible co-host and supply volunteers.

Colloquim Lunch:

No updates on host grad students hosting lunch with colloquim speakers.