

PGSA Agenda, Wednesday, 9/21/11

Old/Unfinished business: 1:00-1:30pm

- *President:* David Jacobs - welcome back BBQ
- *Vice-President:* Lisa Bauer - Intramurals, t-shirt fundraiser, social events?
 - IM sports: not enough people for soccer, but enough for ultimate frisbee.
 - Social events: potluck/game night in November, before Thanksgiving? Possible venues: Rock, Barking Spider?
 - Spring events: Skiing? Winter sports? Whirley-ball? Laser tag?, bowling? Possibly have an event with another dept, like BME?
 - T-shirts: Turned back to Rosenblatt due to lack of interest
- *Secretary/Treasurer:* Tawinan Cheiwchanchamngij - PGSA budget status -
- Beginning balance: \$750, less \$264 spent on the welcome back BBQ, less \$46 on this meeting's pizza leaves us with about \$441.
- *Faculty Liaison:* Johanna Nagy -- Faculty updates: none, since the last faculty meeting included qualifier exam discussion, so we weren't allowed. Also the dept. checklist feedback (see below)
- *GSS Senator:* Ben Saliwanchik - GSS updates - official PGSA recognition submitted to GSS
- Saturday tutoring is a go!!!
 - "Done-in-a-day" event will be 9:15a-12p, this Saturday 9/24 @ the Church of the Covenant, <http://www.saturdaytutoring.org/>
 - Demonstrations (either Nov 5th or 12th or March 17th or 24th). Bob Sobin might be able to help with demos. *Sean
- Fundraising ideas
 - How about Mole Day Extravaganza on Sunday 10/23? Fall break is Mon/Tues 10-24/25 /25 so maybe perfect! Need to have good publicity*
 - Can possibly combine PGSA fundraising event with GSS-sponsored (grad student-wide) event in order to invite more people and provide food.
- Website renovation complete! Thanks to Jim Mertens!
- Other [old] business, other goals
 - Lack of depth or "B-list" course options -- Johanna emailed 2nd year CM student and they appear to be content with their options

New Business: 1:30-2:00pm

- 1st Year rep: Jason Chance
- Recruitment chair needed -- Amanda Yoho and Kati Pech will co-chair
- GSS Event: Harvest fest, Oct 1st @ the farm. Free for grads, \$4 for guest (first 100? guests free)
- GSS Event: Oct 13th, showing of PhD comics movie. Probably around 7pm
- Pumpkin drop: date Friday, 10/28 @ 12:30pm Will need pumpkin slicers
- Grad student checklist feedback -- Johanna received feedback and there were pros and cons. The pros might be briefly summarized in that they were informative and created a dialogue b/n students and advisors on long-term plans. The cons might be summarized by the feeling that the deadline(s) for checklist completion should be significantly sooner so as to allow time for registration and also that students with specific deadlines or situations need to be dealt with with some priority (e.g. students with specific grant deadlines or students petitioning for course creation).