

2013-2014 PGSA Meeting #1, Aug. 8, 2013

Officer Updates

From Professor Kash: Updates on the Student Health Plan

This fall: Case will pay 75% of Health Fee (\$808 total)

Grad students will pay fee up front (incl. RA's), reimbursed \$606 ~1 month later

GAANN students: Phys. is increasing stipend \$15/mo. to cover \$202 for fall

Research grants: Faculty members have been notified of the situation - it's up to them.

Note: if you are late with payment, you're still covered (though you will be charged a fee)

If you need an advance on your stipend to cover this, please see Betty Gaffney

Spring (and forward): University will pay 100% of Health Fee

Not clear yet whether students will have to write a check or not

LB: Email incoming graduate students

VP:

Secretary/Treasurer: Budget update

Update email lists (Add first-years, remove those no longer at Case)

PGSA button on Physics homepage? Remove scary "Living in Cleveland"

Physgrad-social is now defunct - too many ways of communicating info

Faculty Liaison: Any faculty meetings coming up? (Also, please send bio for website)

GSS Rep: Funding; \$500 for campus-wide events, \$250 for members only events

Reminder: Funding available for conference travel from SGS

Parking: If we keep pestering GSS, they may lower rates further. PESTER AWAY.

First-year rep: Elections to be held once all first-years are here

Recruitment Chairs: Kati and ?? Email Kati (kxp197) if you're interested in co-chairing!

Informal social event for all first-years to meet each other before orientation?

(Also, please send bio for website)

From Corbin Covault: Please fill out course checklist! Important for self-check and budgeting

Need committee of graduate students to help Case with their online grad recruitment presence (AIP Grad shopper updates)

Volunteers: Lisa, Nick, Kati, Grant, Patrick

What is the status of Rock 106? What would make it useful? Equipment? Couch?

It doesn't hurt to ask - the department wants to improve it! What can be done before the start of the semester to make it better/more useful?

Refrigerator and microwave, no functioning computers, empty and clean room, empty and clean old desks, trash couch, new couch?, too much stuff in there?

Discuss Course Checklist @ future meeting

Upcoming Events: Welcome Back BBQ

Date: Saturday, Sept. 7

Time: Food will be ready to eat at 7:30/8:00

Location: Scott/Luke/Dave

Budget: \$225

Food: \$125 Burgers, brats, buns, etc., charcoal Jim, Lisa

Drinks: \$100 **Kati**
 Grill/Supplies:

Ongoing

First-year/Academic Guide: It's up, would love feedback.
 NEW DOCS on Academic Guide!!!
 Keep sending advice for "Advice from Grad Students"

Invite someone from payroll to talk about taxes
 Add to grad student resources

Website: Need updated profiles/pics from new officers (Kati, Grant)
 Include information on exactly how to get funding from SGS, GSS

Facebook Group: Join if you want to - will be using to post info about social events. Invite friends.

IM Sports: Anyone want to take charge of organizing them for the year? **Ahmad**

Sport	Style	Registration	Season Start
Flag Football	Season + Playoff	August 28, 2013	September 3, 2013
Tennis	Double Elimination Tournament	August 28, 2013	September 7, 2013
Golf Scramble	2 Person Scramble	September 11, 2013	September 21, 2013
STJ 5K Race for Education^	5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Run	September 11, 2013	September 28, 2013
Ultimate Frisbee#	Single Elimination with Consolation	October 2, 2013	October 12, 2013
Outdoor Soccer	Season + Playoff	October 2, 2013	October 6, 2013
Badminton	Double Elimination Tournament	October 16, 2013	October 26, 2013
Volleyball	Season + Playoff	October 16, 2013	October 27, 2013
3v3 Basketball	Double Elimination Tournament	October 30, 2013	November 9, 2013
4v4 Indoor Flag Football	Single Elimination with Consolation	November 13, 2013	November 23, 2013
FYE Battleship&	Pool* Play with Playoff	November 27, 2013	December 3, 2013
Indoor Soccer	Single Elimination with Consolation	December 4, 2013	January 14, 2014

New Business

Professional Development

1st seminar: Conferences/Self-Promotion with Math dept.

Featuring Glenn Starkman, Robert Brown, Daniela Calvetti

September 11, 3-4pm, Miller Room, with Wine and Cheese!

Come with questions in mind!

Other related activities: Networking, alternative careers session, develop alumni network, practice talks before conferences, department happy hour, dinner with the Dean, more interactive colloquia, etc. etc., TBD

GSS Organizations Training, Aug. 13 (RSVP Tom @etr16 asap if interested - free dinner)

Colloquium Speaker: Evalyn Gates (summary of previous colloq.? **CM comp sci changing admissions requirements, what can departments do to improve admissions, retention, etc.)**

Mixers/Social Events: Ideas welcome!

Update bylaws to reflect officer responsibilities

Last note: Feedback, suggestions and ideas are always welcome and appreciated! Thanks!