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

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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!