

## PGSA November meeting agenda

### Guy's is late with pizza. sorry...

1. Officer updates (12:00p-12:10p)
  - a. First, a thank you (Melody)
    - i. Great job guys!
    - ii. we are awesome!
    - iii. (better than psychology/history peeps)
      1. they are the one complaining
    - iv. WE ARE AWESOME!!!
  - b. Pumpkin Drop (Melody)
    - i. over 350 people were there
    - ii. worked surprisingly well (volunteer sheet)
    - iii. reimbursements going through the pipeline
    - iv. Improvements
      1. better drop mechanism?
        - a. ship it out to the undergrads
        - b. or make a new design
          - i. grant volunteers to do the whole thing
            1. including building
        2. more dramatic Pumpking (regent of all [melody's {empress of all things} boss]) size
2. Diversity Committee update (12:10p-12:20p) (Melody)
  - a. the last meeting was awesome (invited faculty explicitly)
    - i. harsh, kathy, diana, garry, walter, (ina was there in spirit)
      1. they had encouraging words
      2. suggested appointing a faculty to this to keep momentum and admin things
        - a. data and statistics on things (admissions and drop out)
        - b. we can request a particular person or have them appoint one
        - c. wait to see the faculty interest by attendance?
        - d. have we needed one?
          - i. collaboration- making a department statement about diversity in STEM fields and our search to address this
          - ii. we can do one on the PGSA
            1. we should do this and push it up the pipeline

2. be sure that it is part of the Case non-discrimination policy for us and the faculty
          - a. mike m. will check
        3. vote on statement next time
      - ii. meetings are short 30min cap
    - b. Please come to Diversity Donuts (3rd/4th Wed every month at 1:30p)
      - i. meetings occur from 1-1:30p before DD
    - c. Fill out the survey sent by Kathy!!
      - i. perhaps it can be resent for those who forgot?
    - d. IAT (Implicit Associations Test)
      - i. once we get pumpkin drop approval we will have 200 dollars from gcas
      - ii. use it towards giftcards for this test
      - iii. this is an unconscious bias test
      - iv. a way of opening discussion about this and how to address them
      - v. bribe to take it and then talk about it at a DD (not AA)
        1. definition of bribe
        2. 5\$ gift card
          - a. if more than 40 people show we will find additional funding
          - b. sharing is caring
          - c. people can participate in discussion without discussion
        3. spend money on food questionnaire confirmation is ticket
      - vi. table to diversity committee to determine best way of distributing funds
      - vii. funds voted on and agreed to go to this cause
3. Ohio Board of Regents (12:20p-12:30p) (Melody)
  - a. Ohio Board of Regents requires that every PhD graduate program complete a review every seven years. Part of this review requires generating a "self-study" which is a document prepared in answer to a range of questions related to the quality of our graduate program.
  - b. "My plan is to ask the grad student to serve as a source of feedback and information rather than asking the student to actually take on the burden of writing and preparing materials. So this would correspond to meetings every other week or so, for the remainder of the semester and perhaps into mid-to-late January" --Corbin
    - i. volunteers for grad student to sit in on meetings
    - ii. every other week
    - iii. the sounds like rob's job
4. Conversations with a Colloquium Speaker (12:30p-12:40p) (Melody)
  - a. faculty would love for us to sit down and talk with colloquium speakers before colloquia lunch with the Michelson lecturer
    - i. we would like more information about them and what they study

- ii. treat it as networking opportunity?
    - iii. have something to talk about
    - iv. people feel uncomfortable going to lunch/talk with people outside of their expertise
    - v. perhaps have more informal meetings like lunch instead of coffee
    - vi. we select colloquium speakers we are interested in? a couple weeks in advance this is the most interesting (rob will talk with harsh)
    - vii. for next docete undergrad involvement and such
    - viii. make cookies more with the speaker?
  - b. future colloquium speakers?
    - i. we are welcome to make suggestions send to harsh or phil
  - c. advertisement?
    - i. do we want/need better advertising for the colloquium speakers
5. Recruitment Committee update (12:40p-1:00p) (Mike McMaster)
- a. another recruitment meeting will be soon
  - b. they want 10 people to visit and have a smaller amount of incoming gradstudents
  - c. similar set up to last year so things are more or less togetherish
  - d. 310 as a room for posters?
  - e. more discussion at the meeting
6. Fundraiser (Melody)
- a. budget (Tate)
  - b. T-shirts?
  - c. ideas:
    - i. for charity (choose one and hold event)
    - ii. for ourselves (t-shirts)
    - iii. have a good time
    - iv. grill for PGSA
    - v. barcento
      - 1. % to pgsa
    - vi. napal
    - vii. paris
    - viii. refugees
  - d. Send an email for charity nominations (perhaps get extra funds from GSC)
  - e. also do grill