

# pgsa FEB meeting agenda

1. Welcome-- grab pizza!
2. Corbin Covault (11:30a - 11:50a)
  - a. Check your emails many of the points are in the email
  - b. Highlights
    - i. There are many graduate students
    - ii. balance of available spots and grads is not balanced
  - c. the bottom line is that resources are tight but the grads are a high priority
  - d. if you have an advisor (with or w/o funding ) they will find a way to provide support
  - e. there are enough obvious positions for this year
  - f. there are anticipated enough in subsequent years for most students if accepted students is small->0
  - g. long and short find an advisor whether or not they can fund you
  - h. Recruitment target number is 0-5.
  - i. **Please start reaching out to advisors/corbin** if your position is uncertain
  - j. possibly have an advisor outside the dept.
  - k. TA assignments- they are flexible if you feel things aren't equitable talk to corbin
  - l. you need to be active. you should find a research group by fall to have largest probability of funding
  - m. getting new faculty is hard and you shouldn't bank on that
  - n. for those interested in PAT you should reach out to Glenn yesterday
    - i. his schedule is **really** busy
  - o. (unsaid) you might want to consider applying elsewhere
  - p. corbin is willing to partake in further meetings
3. There will be a more nitty gritty meeting with some upper faculty and exec board
  - a. mostly about greater transparency between faculty and graduate students
4. Officer updates (11:50a - 11:51a)
  - a. recruitment is ON!!! for the grill moving
  - b. President (Mel)
    - i. winner of our discretionary budget vote: we're getting a new grill!
    - ii. Guide to travel reimbursements from Betty and Kathy
      1. do read it if you want to be reimbursed
5. Activities Committee (Mel) (11.51p - noon)
  - a. Will help President of PGSA maintain the PGSA fb group
  - b. Will organize (or at least advertise) events for physics grad students, keeping in mind:
    - i. transportation accommodations
    - ii. diverse attendance
    - iii. advertising via physgrad and fb
  - c. Will have a modest budget to plan small and large events

- d. Will also supervise Recruitment, Welcome Back BBQ, Pumpkin Drop
- e. We need a Chair!
  - i. if interested please shoot me an email or speak up
- f. And members!
- g. From Johanna: Battleship and IM Volleyball registration is due next week!!
  - i. express your interest to Johanna for battleship and volleyball
- 6. Recruitment cancellation (Mike) (noon - 12:10p)
  - a. not happening
  - b. at most we are accepting 0-5
  - c. recruitment will be research group dependent/individualised
  - d. dinner will be with research group and maybe other grad students
    - i. possibly jim will give campus tour (and train new person)
- 7. Diversity Committee (Mel) (12:10p - 12:15p)
  - a. Final approval of Diversity Statement for the website (will leave to vote for the general membership at next PGSA meeting):
    - i. "We, the graduate students of the Physics Department at Case Western Reserve University, acknowledge the continued culture of discrimination globally within STEMM fields. To combat this within our department, we resolve to encourage our colleagues and ourselves to improve the social and professional engagement of the department. We charge ourselves with the responsibility of mindfully developing programs, activities, and policies that will appeal to our diverse community. It is our hope that by instituting these practices we will make our department a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all."
    - ii. Vote "yes" or "no" to the statement above to be placed on the PGSA homepage
      - 1. passes 12-1-0 (y-n-a)
  - b. APS site visit schedule, Thur. Feb. 25th
    - i. PA (1:10p - 1:30p)
    - ii. CM (1:30p - 1:50p)
    - iii. Imag/Bio (1:50p - 2:10p)
    - iv. Women graduate students (2:10p - 2:30p)
    - v. International graduate students (2:30p - 2:50p)
    - vi. if you need lab coverage please let us know if you can't find someone to cover your lab
- 8. Professional Development Seminar (12:15p - 12:30p)
  - a. Collaboration with Chemistry (and pharmacology)
  - b. for the sciences
  - c. what do we want discussed
    - i. academics skills matched to industry
    - ii. other thoughts send to mel
  - d. need our input
- 9. Call for nominations (12:30p - 12:35p)

- a. President
  - i. making agenda
  - ii. covering for slackers
- b. Vice President
  - i. covering for president when he/she isn't working
  - ii. great place to learn about
- c. Secretary/Treasurer (spy master)
  - i. take notes (with snark)
  - ii. run budget
  - iii. update website
  - iv. get to know betty really well due to budget
- d. Faculty Liaison
  - i. talk to corbin/faculty semi regularly with concerns
  - ii. point person between grads and faculty from our side
  - iii. help out as things come up
- e. GCAS Senator
  - i. attend GCAS meetings
  - ii. get free food
  - iii. point person between PGSA and GCAS
    - 1. good way to start getting involved in higher echelons of student gov.
  - iv. meet people outside of physics
- f. Diversity Committee Chair
  - i. not exec board member so can be dual held
  - ii. do attend exec meetings and no vote
  - iii. buy donuts
- g. Activities Committee Chair
  - i. not exec board member so can be dual held
  - ii. do attend exec meetings and no vote
  - iii. plan things

for nominations send to mel.

you get **POWER** (kinda)

10. open floor

colloquium speakers talk to harsh and phil taylor (just need to provide name)  
 recruitment in subsequent years PGSA will need to talk hard  
 grad student census- data exists in the dept. acquiring the data is trickier  
 used for forecasting positions