


Physics Graduate Student Association (PGSA)

First Spring Meeting, 03/01/2018

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- Nominations/Elections for PGSA Exec Positions
 - GCAS Rep, and First-Year Rep
 - NEW! -- Physics Department Happy Hour
 - T-Shirt Design Competition
 - Other Planned/proposed activities for the year.
 - How's our budget holding up?
 - Increase Coffee Social Hour Representation



PGSA - executive board

President- Allen Foster

Vice President- Michael McMaster

Information Administrator(s) - Roshan Abraham, Rob Halliday

Faculty Liaison - Shamreen Iram

GCAS Representative - ???

First Year Representative - ???



PGSA - executive board

GCAS Representative - Go to GCAS meetings (once per month, ~1hr), and report back on the meetings at the next PGSA general meeting. Bring up any issues on behalf of the PGSA at GCAS meetings. -- There is free food at the GCAS meetings, and you only have ~1hr of 'work' per month!

First Year Representative - Be the liaison between the 1st years and the rest of PGSA. Come to PGSA meetings, and bring up any questions/comments /grievances that 1st year students have with coursework/finding research/grad life in general.



PGSA - executive board

Nominate yourself or another for the position. Accept or decline nomination. Vote.

GCAS Rep- Keep position through next year, if you want.

First Year Rep- Remain 1st year rep until next semester.



PGSA Events - Spring

Both Mike and Shamreen have been doing great jobs speaking with Faculty, and have even gotten some ideas brought up at faculty meetings!



Physics Department Happy Hour!

The plan for now is for the PGSA (us) to pick a Friday for the first happy hour. We will sponsor it, and the Faculty will sponsor the second one

The plan is to do March and April (especially since we need, I think, two weeks notice for the alcohol stuff).

So... March is tricky. March 5-9 is APS March meeting. March 12-16 is Spring Break.

So, that leaves us with **March 23** or **March 30th**

For April... we likely want these a month-ish apart. April 30th is the last day of classes.

so, **April 20th** or **April 27th**

I would vote March 23rd and April 20th? Are there reasons we shouldn't pick these?



T-Shirt Design Competition

Who would be interested in a department T-shirt design competition?

If there is interest , perhaps we could talk to department about sharing funding.



Planned/Proposed Activities

Spring:

- Monster's game -- will send Doodle poll for dates (March 4th, 24th, 25th or April 8th). With a group of 10 or more, tickets are only ~\$5 each.
- Disc Golf?
- Ice skating @ Cleveland Heights Rink?

- Spring Thaw Party: Big, interdepartmental party (GSC funded, \$1,000)



Budget

We have ~\$300 of expendable budget. This takes into account Diversity Donuts and \$100 for a summer international potluck.

The big 'Spring Thaw' party will be covered by GSC which is a 'use it or lose it' type of funding.

PGSA is funding the first Physics Department Happy Hour... that will likely eat up \$150 or so.



Physics/Chem/Bio Coffee Social

Every week, Wednesdays 11:00-12:00

Next door in Havorka Auditorium

Coffee is yummy! (and so are the snacks)

Meet new people doing cool research that you never get to hear about in the physics department.

I'd like to start getting a group of people to meet and head over to increase the physics representation.