

Meeting Minutes 9/9/2015

- Introductions to Beverly and Corwin
 - BIG Expo – Oct 4 and 5th – Poster Sessions? GSO not involved directly.
 - Seminars – food? Too much work to go to store to buy food.
- Symposium
 - Officer feedback
 - Everyone please write a short document describing your duties for symposium and any necessary information/tips for next year's officers. We will collate this into a guide for future symposiums.
- First Year Reps
 - Mentor/mentee program
 - Total 24. 12 pairs.
 - First social event: Grad Student Center, snacks and food.
 - English language conversations group
 - Total 11. 5 not first years. 6 first years.
 - Looking for chair. Meetings will not exceed 1hr.
 - Scavenger Hunt
 - Put into groups with instruction.
 - Poor execution. Some were still busy. No engagement with group members.
- VP – Parul
 - Reimbursements should be on its way back.
 - Half marathon – asking Agnes
 - Budget situation – made ~\$2K, similar to last year. Fewer attendees, but less cost. (Seminar speaker drove, etc.)
- Social
 - Plan out coffee hours and pint nights
- Outreach (Sean)
 - Needs more volunteers!
- Graduate Committee replacement for Sean for fall semester
 - Committee members email graduate students 1 week before meetings to ask for input
- Co-curricular – Mariana
 - Working with Cristina on Industrial Advisory Council
 - T&B – 1 week before Thanksgiving. First speaker: Liu.
 - Future Faculty Lunches –
 - First speaker: Kim.
 - Morgan needs help to look for a second speaker in the spring.
- Social – Scott
 - Wed the 23rd – Coffee Break @ 2pm in Atrium
 - Pint Night @ Pint, on October 1.
 - Science on Tap @ Lafayette Brewing Company - October
 - Tailgate – Nebraska game? Oct 31.
 - Corn Maze – Sep 10 to Oct 31. September 24th?

- Ridade
 - Will make survey and send it out next week.
 - Nightlights
 - Planting Trees – look for programs through university.
- Arthur - Newsletter
 - Newsletter. Don't put on paint. Doors are okay.
- Robert – Safety
 - Chess seminar sometime in next month.
 - Meeting tomorrow to finalize dates.
 - Topics: Help first years safety-wise.
 - New interdepartmental safety course.
- Jimmy
 - Discount for marathon. 50%.
 - Graduate Committee Meeting
 - Maximum time for masters students – 2 years since joining the program.
 - Professional Goals Form
 - Faculty doesn't believe Outreach and Leadership should be weighted as much as research.
 - End of semester/year departmental survey
 - How do you measure happiness? Used to send survey to undergrads, faculty, and staff. Sent to grad students first time last year. Grad students are the least happy. Department is looking into potentially changing survey.