

20 September 2019

Presiding: Jess

Attendance: Jessica, JT, Apurva, Dr. Morgan, Anna, Carly, Weilee, Clayton

Absent: Ayse, Kurt, Vik

- Chair Ergonomics- Anonymous poll
 - Don't phrase as who wants new chairs
 - Poll for who wants a new chair (Phrase as safety ergonomic issue)
 - Please identify if you have a safety ergonomic issue with your chair (700-800\$) per chair
 - Shuffle chairs around (computational people is more affected by this)
- Murdock
 - 8 3rd graders
 - Will get first years to join
- Mentor-Mentee Boardgame night
 - Ordered just enough amount of pizza
- Also sent out project list for sign up
- Clayton: Issues involving if people should be wearing two gloves upstairs & wearing lab coats going around
- Highway clean up: only 6 people went (2hrs). Good weather
 - When's next time? (may be too cold)
- Jessica: Grad Committee meeting
 - Topics: Number of classes that we take?
 - Idea that it could be reduced:
 - Thoughts? 10 classes are just enough
 - A requirement: potential for advisors to prevent them from taking more courses
 - You are already taking an elective in your first semester?? May not be a good idea
 - Long term: Prefer to doing TA's in 4th and 7th semester rather than 3rd and 6th
 - Need TA's in every other semester
 - Move the TA class up?
 - Prelims correspond with 5th semester & during 8th semester
- Xiao's Update: talking with Dr. Bao's postdoc
 - Dr. Savoie's group: Future faculty talk.
- Plug your events: send it to her monthly emails please and announce it for the department
 - Include Master's students if appropriate
- Having a problem with attendance for an event:
 - Personally ask specific people to ask them to bring other people to attend
 - Broaden to 3rd and 4th years
- Dr. Bev and Ray Mentzer asked about whether we want to host seminar series:
 - Success Surprises and pitfalls
 - Transition from academia to industry
- Events that happened:
 - Highway clean-up
 - Coffee Break

- Boardgame
- Upcoming events
 - Fall food drive (next week!)
 - Work out class changed to 10/02
- Putting together the October email
 - Need to put book club in October meeting (10/15 @7pm)
 - “Interpreter of Maldives
 - Workout class: Pilates
 - Private cooking demo: sign up a week in advance
 - Superfoods! (health living)
 - Future Faculty Talk
 - Coffee Break: **include Faculty in this!**
 - Halloween Thing (Haunted house/ Cornmaze/ (hayride)
 - Instead of Family Feud thing
 - October 2nd (Wednesday)
 - Faculty/LabGroup/Family Feud (Wait till Spring semester)
 - Fall Clothing Drive: End of October (a week) **include Faculty in this!**
 - Food Bank Trip: (Will still sort out the dates for Saturday to avoid class conflicts) **include Faculty in this!**
- Kurt’s Updates:
 - All fired up pottery! Will cover 15\$ cost
- Big Ten expo
 - Carly, Weilee, David, Laura, Dr. Savoie, Dr. Narsimhan.