

29 Jan 2020

Presiding: Jess

Attending: Anna, Robin, Bev, Carly, JT, Kurt, Vik, Weilee, Ayse, Dr. Morgan, Clayton (late)

Guest: Dr. Gounder

- Gounder/Colloquium
  - Speaking about recruiting weekend/colloquium
  - Asking us what went well and what should be change
    - Kurt: Liked diversity of social event options (bowling, board games, escape room, etc.)
      - Bev: Will try to get a conference room at hotel for Saturday night
    - Jess: Discovery Park tour didn't go well
      - Bev/Gounder: Not doing it this year
      - People in CSTAR liked it; others were a little unhappy they wouldn't use it
    - Kurt: Everyone was confused why we went to CoRec before they realized how d\*\*\* nice it is
    - JT: Rock climbing was nice
      - Bev: Doing escape room instead
    - Vik: Consider doing laser tag
    - Ayse: Merlin's Beard is really god
    - Kurt: Over-reliance on bars as social events; should try to change that
    - Vik: Best run of all the ones he went to
    - Bev: Need to improve lab tours
      - Bit a haywire
      - Will try to make things more organized
    - Vik: Faculty meetings can run over time
    - Kurt: Only had two faculty meetings originally; added more
      - Maybe work on logistics to make sure to maximize faculty meetings for every student
    - Ayse: Would be nice to take students out to brunch on Saturday
      - Bev: Don't really know which facility can handle that many people (38 at least)
    - Gounder: An effort of GSO and first/second year students for recruiting event
      - Will send out information to first and second years to get involved
      - Want to reinstate buddy system
        - Will match every visiting student with a current grad student in February
        - Establish contact prior
        - Will match based on research interests; UG institute etc.
      - GSO used to do a panel event; want to bring it back with **NO** faculty
        - Hour to hour-and-a-half
        - Don't want people leaving Purdue without answered questions

- Show sense of community in grad students
      - Want to bring panel back on Saturday
    - Vik: What to do about negative rumors?
      - Gounder: Just try to be as honest as possible
        - Some grad students are happy; others are Debbie Downers
        - Just try to give a sense of our community, etc.
        - Don't air grievances on recruiting weekend; just answer questions honestly and keep things open
      - Bev: Just show that everything is always going to be up and down everywhere no matter what
    - Jess: Grad student panel
      - Seemed formal event
      - Make it more open and in Forney so it's more casual
    - Kurt: For faculty dinner, tell them to be more cognizant of place and timing; can cut off other social events
  - Poster session moved to Friday at Union as mixer with faculty
- Bev Update (still colloquium)
  - All colloquium events need GSO and other grad students for events
  - Need people to take people to and from buses and other logistics
  - Need to make buses come in whenever they get here
  - Poster session
    - Xiao will be organizing the poster session
    - Will probably be back by mid-February
    - She plans to coordinate and organize the event
      - Jess will check in
  - Lab tours
    - Coordinate them and find tours
    - Set times (catalysis at 1:30 etc.)
  - Need people to go to airport
  - Coordinate board games at hotel
  - 11 people who want to do a separate visit – one at a time
  - Jess: Follow up with buddies after visit weekend
  - For extra visits, need some help with logistics
    - Need us for GSO lunch
- Jess
  - Private cooking demonstration tomorrow
  - Meditation on Feb 12 probably
    - Will send out signups
- Clayton
  - Six inch flames
  - Hydrocarbon open flame concerns
  - Two reports regarding professional masters program
    - Send these to PGSO or director of grad studies
- Kurt

- Ice skating went well; 25 people showed up
- Next event is Super Bowl Party on Sunday
  - Chipotle for food + snacks
- Feb event is Jeopardy!
  - If you want to help write questions, contact Kurt
  - Also need help with logistics
- Pint Night at Merlin's Beard is planned probably for March
- JT
  - Intramurals starting
  - Safety committee met
    - Talked about incidents
    - GNagy sent out email about incidents
  - Will work on submissions with Clayton
  - Next safety meeting next month
- Carly/Weilee
  - Video/Board game night on Feb 7
    - 11 planning to come
- Ayse
  - Reimbursements finished