

20 February 2020

Presiding: Jess

Attending: Kurt, Vik, Xiao, Bev, Weilee, JT, Apurva, Ayse, Prof. Morgan, Anna, Kaustubh

- Bev
  - Buddies assigned
  - GSO should make themselves available as much as available for the week
  - Carly, JT, and Weilee are going to airport in Indy
  - For dinner at stadium on Thursday, respond to Robin that you're coming (or not)
  - Will send lists and other stuff in email to GSO later
  - Carly will coordinate lab tours
    - Trying to run every half hour
  - If you don't have buddies, be around and available
  - Will provide maps to visitors
- Kaustubh
  - PGSG meetings attended
  - Went to a special meeting for CAPS last week
    - Spoke at a special last week
    - Lots of policy changes at CAPS with regards to grad students
    - Removed cap on number of sessions for grad students
      - Will provide as many as necessary
      - Will need physician assistance
    - Long wait times, especially for grad students
      - Removed initial assessment (45 minute questionnaire)
      - Replaced with 15 minute phone conversation with on-site person
      - If it's emergency, they'll send you out to local hospitals
      - 15 minute sessions are diagnostic and can be useful for immediate crises
      - If it's not an emergency, will be put into system to get permanent therapy
    - Creating secondary resources such as group therapies, etc.
      - Group therapy is "more efficient" because it brings people together, according to CAPS director
      - Group for international students. i.e.
      - Group for international grad students
    - Lots of changes to CAPS
  - Bev: Been going to trainings, and if there's an emergency where you can't get into CAPS, they can go to the Dean of Students for immediate help if CAPS is not available
  - CAPS has on-call psychologists, and they've got more
  - Hired more triage counselors as well
  - Addressing shortage of supply in CAPS system
    - Demand has risen by 22%
  - Add information to GSO emails to about CAPS resources

- Maybe Dr. Morgan or Bev can send out email to get more attention among our grad students
- JT
  - Had department safety meeting last week
  - Sent out an update on general things that came out of meeting
  - Had some intense incidents recently
    - Lots related to fire in Miller Lab
    - Lots of timing issues in the communication, etc.
- Apurva
  - Still waiting for response to schedule Solar Rollers
- Ayse reading out Clayton (absent) updates
  - Rex was chosen as award recipient
  - Will work with nominators and GSO to get out a plaque representation
- Kurt
  - Jeopardy! Is next week
    - Preparations final for that
  - Got an email from CivE via Apurva about co-hosting another ice skating event
    - Looking for 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Feedback request: Should we do another ice skating event?
    - Jess: Maybe trying to get other events to coordinate on
    - Dr. Morgan: Do they just want our money?
    - Vik: It's another event. What do we have to lose?
  - Merlin's Beard for Pint Night
    - Speaking with them
    - Planning for March 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Anticipated 30 people coming is \$96
    - For food, will have buffet service (\$10-\$15/person)
      - Could just do appetizers which would be cheaper
      - Looking to figure out how things can be done for vegetation options
  - Working on arranging a dessert making class
  - Bev: During colloquium, Dr. Gounder suggested maybe doing Merlin's Beard for the GSO night
  - Lafayette Aviators are contacting Kurt for information about GSO getting involved
- Ayse and Jess
  - Who wants to volunteer as temporary social chair to organize logistics for transportation among recruitment weekend?
  - \$250 for transportation for colloquium by department
  - We need someone to organize the GSO social event for colloquium
  - Planning for GSO social event
    - Need someone to talk to vendors/places we're going
  - Vik and Jess will work on the GSO social event
- Vik
  - Officer Spotlight ends today
  - Looking into doing a voter registration drive

- Contact the Tippecanoe County Democratic and Republican Parties
- Dr. Morgan
  - Start thinking about getting a keynote speaker for this year's Symposium
  - Next meeting, we can talk about candidates
- Xiao
  - For poster session, got seventeen posters from eleven groups
  - Will send reminder emails to get the poster titles