

GSO Meeting on 11/19/2020

Presiding: Wei-Lee

Present: Wei-Lee, Carly, Apurva, Daniel Gribble, Daniel Hayes, David, Gaurav, JT, Paulina, Sydney, Bev, Prof. Morgan

Absent: Aidan, Kurt, Vik

Regular updates

Co Curricular - Sydney:

- Future Post-doc seminar
 - Distributed recording to dept
- Future Faculty seminar
 - Event completed
 - No recording due to technical issues but event attended by almost everyone interested, so should be fine

Communications- Gaurav:

- Reached out to a few people, will email everyone else in the coming few days

First Year reps- Daniel H and Paulina:

- International Snacks and Game Night set to go.

Outreach- Apurva:

- Looking at potential of working with other graduate student outreach leaders in other departments to make more science lesson videos
 - Their goal is 10 videos per grade (K-5th) on a variety of topics.
 - Email sent out to department. Insert comment on sheet to sign up for a video
 - Will be converting the videos we already made into format usable by the program when things get less busy
 - Videos will be sent to Steven for him to upload on their site
- Can we provide some incentive to grad students to make videos?
 - Awards for best videos?
 - Create teams of people
 - Ask Murdock team?

Safety- David:

- Next CheSS webinar in late January.
- Topic: Ergonomics
- Speaker: From REM or CoRec
- Sent resources on ergonomics in dept safety update
- Student identified 2 faculty not wearing masks on 2 separate occasions
 - Dr Nagy will contact faculty to remind them to adhere to policy
- Gas cylinder cages outside as full, predominantly with gas for only one or two groups

Sustainability- Daniel G:

- Donation drive underway until Dec 14. Will donate to respective orgs after that.
- Two boxes in Forney for donation.

President- Wei-Lee:

- Filling PGSG representative role for Vik

- Ask current members to double up
- Search externally otherwise
- Follow up on meeting with Dr. Kim
 - He informed us about endowments specifically set aside for student activities and that high risk events can be conducted with those (need to send email proposal to Dr. Kim)
 - He also wants to meet one-on-one with PhD students generally
- Motivational Stickers event on Dec 1.
 - Will be distributed to student's mailboxes

Staff advisor- Bev

- Will circulate prelim email today.