

## GSO Meeting on 03/25/2021

Presiding: Wei-Lee

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

Absent:

### Regular updates

First year reps – Daniel and Paulina:

- Thoughts on survival guide
  - Good idea to have a knowledge bank across the dept
  - Success guide, a better name?
  - May be too extensive with regards to the range of topics covered
    - Break it down into smaller guides
    - General advice applicable to all years can be in the general success guide
    - Qual/prep guides can be separate
  - Adding topics like impostor syndrome is a good idea
  - Tips for relaxing?
    - Make more specific
  - Best way to reach out to students to get suggestions on this?
    - Interviews instead of survey?
    - Talking to students individually may yield better responses. Case in point: jackets
    - Survey + talking to people may be best
- Considering another first year social event
- Working on guide for prospective students
  - Add to website (instead of guide for incoming students)

Vice President – Carly:

- Erin got back on the transfer of funds and the funds were transferred in a week

Co Curricular - Sydney:

- Dr. Narsimhan for Truth and Beauty seminar (in April)
- Waiting for Dr. Liu's response for hobby seminar

Communications – Gaurav:

- Website updated. Co-Curricular, Prospective students and Safety pages updated.

Outreach – Apurva:

- Information that could be included in a Faculty Newsletter (if it exists) and GSO newsletter:
  - Safe Zone training. I thought it was an excellent training that talked about strategies to be an ally for the LGBTQ+ community and also introduced strategies that could be applied to support allyship for other discriminated communities.
  - [https://www.purdue.edu/lgbtq/training/safe\\_zone.php](https://www.purdue.edu/lgbtq/training/safe_zone.php)
  - Another thing that I learned is that Purdue offers QPR Suicide Prevention Training and Mental Health First Aid Training. It was recommended by the Safe Zone

facilitators. Although sessions for this semester are full, they will be releasing dates for summer and fall in the next few weeks. It might be good to publicize this among the grad students and staff/faculty in the department as well.

- <https://www.purdue.edu/advocacy/students/other/presentations.html>

Safety- David:

- 90 responses on double masking survey. 87% in favor of status quo (single mask)
- Next ChESS Webinar on April 14 at 2 pm. Speaker: Scientist from Cook Biotech (Sydney from Dr. Liu's group)
- Working with business office regarding food vouchers
- Safety committee meeting on Friday. Concern about building doors being left open.

Social – Kurt:

- Few jackets short in supply. Will be restocked in summer.
  - Work on adjusting
- Coffee break approved in Starbucks.
  - First Monday of April (first coffee break)
- Positive feedback on Colloquium Trivia night.
  - Have one more event like this.

Student Advocacy – Aidan:

- Faculty mentoring award given to Dr. Gounder
- Anonymous feedback: Ethnic diversity in awards
  - Share award nomination along with winners?
- Anonymous feedback: Statement to show support against racial injustice from the dept
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- Add optional field to add name so that we can follow up on submission form?

PGSG – Daniel Fesenmeier:

- Purdue Village being decommissioned, no affordable housing on campus.
- Resolution passed to look for affordable housing and help students relocate from Purdue Village

Sustainability- Daniel Gribble:

- Good turnout for food bank volunteering.
- Will plan for similar events soon.

President- Wei-Lee:

- Updated GSO poster.