

MGSC Meeting – 12/07/16

Attending: Bly, Weber, Wieczorek

1. **Meeting with Feng** Department is low on teaching power; no grading assignments for GTAs are foreseeable. If the Grad Student Seminar runs next year, the department can provide pizza. Policies regarding Internships and International Students may be changing. Colloquium has had low attendance this year; please attend if possible.
2. **T-Shirts** We will email grad students about the t-shirt design contest in the near future. The plan will be for a design to be fixed by Jan 17 so that we can get the ball rolling for (pre)orders by Feb 17. An email address tshirts@math.utk.edu will be set up to accept design submissions. Darrin will talk with Ben about this.
3. **DGSAC Meeting Update** A child care task force has been discussed as being in the works. An online system to address progress in one's graduate program (similar to what is available for undergrads) is being discussed. The board of trustees is petitioning the legislature for more graduate student pay. A three minute thesis presentation competition is planned for Grad Student Appreciation Week (4/3-4/7).
4. **PDLs** Plan is for February to be on the topic of data integrity and research ethics (catered by Chick-fil-A). March will be alternative careers to being a professor (Moe's). April will be Teaching/Research Statements (Brenz Pizza).
5. **Donuts** With Dippin Donuts no longer an option, Dunkin Donuts is our only known alternative at ~\$17 for two dozen. We need to look into options at Kroger, Food City, and Publix to see what is available there.