

Inaugural meeting of the MGSC - Math Graduate Student Council - March 6, 2015

Attending: Armentrout, Feng, Bly, Massaro, Rooker, Weber

The newly formed MGSC held its first meeting. After Dr. Feng briefly stated his ideas for forming the committee, we went on to discuss the following: Bylaws creation, meeting frequency, format of committee, and other topics. Please see discussed topics list below:

1. Discussion included: Committee creates and students vote on bylaws, other bylaws available from established groups here on campus, 3 or 4 people most appropriate for committee, length of time to serve, 1 year commitment, spring elections, 1 of 4 members carry over to next year for continuity if no member is reelected, thinking of future councils, possibility of reelection, no term limits and self-governing, have an alternate/backup member available, how formal do we want to be, what kinds of topics will we be involved in, council to have presence in some faculty meetings, connection with GSS rep, possibly use EEB grad student format, generate fundraisers, help with new grad/GTA orientation, should individuals run for specific office, do we want named officers, create/participate in special events, if there is no interest in doing minutes we can rotate job between elected members, use town-hall meeting format, include faculty or not?, voting through google form or stay in-house (Ben), how often should we meet, have Ben generate a separate email for MGSC officers, officers meet monthly or more often, coordination within group for attending faculty and/or advisory committee meeting/s, have 1st town-hall meeting in April - early in month, impact or voice in faculty hiring? (previous years grads met with interviewees and submitted comments to dept administration), other aspects of dept. we can be involved with, Tea-czar, web page with comment box, etc.

Things to include in Bylaws: 1 year instead of multi-year terms; 1 person carries over to next year if no individual is reelected; minimum of 1 person to attend invited departmental meetings; elected alternate; appointed if not enough choose to run; group elects positions (Pres, VP, Sec, Treas or just 1 titled position and members) after departmental election; set number of meetings and have allowances for additional; establish how often elected group meets; designation of sub-committees; minutes recorded and posted/distributed; agendas.

Meeting was adjourned.