

MGSC Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

Attending: Lacy, Ryan, Wieczorek

Faculty Research PDL Debrief

- We need to have an official timer to keep everyone on track
- There was good feedback from first-year students
- We are working on getting feedback from the faculty to see what they thought about the event
- The time (during colloquium) seemed to work well since it was the best chance to get all the faculty there
- We may want to target this event more specifically towards first- and second-years

Other Updates

- There was an e-mail sent out about the bonus deadlines and amounts; we need to keep checking on the handbook (possibly on the next council's to-do list)
- Diagnostic exams set for May 15, 2019 - the people who are involved have been notified
- Letter to prospective students has been revised and will undergo a few more revisions
- Then, the next letter should go out in July (possibly responsibility of next council)

Staff Potluck

- Monday, March 11 at 4:30 pm (8 of the staff members have responded affirmatively)
- 13 affirmative responses from graduate students
- We need to provide drinks and paper goods (we should have plenty of paper goods in the cabinet) - Alex will pick up the drinks

Next PDL (Teaching & Research Statements)

- Jack takes the lead on this one
- Panelist ideas: Lindsey Fox, Dr. Jameson, Dr. Wise, Dr. Cartwright, Dr. Nicoara, Dr. Feng (ask Pam for other ideas)
- Week of March 25

April PDL Ideas/Planning

- Alex will check in with the library to see when Rachel Caldwell will be back
- Another idea: Mental health/wellness

Nominations & Voting (Awards and New Council)

- Maggie will take the charge on this. Nominations for awards and for new council members we will do through Google Forms (required to have a log-in)
- For voting, we can still go through Ben
- In terms of awards, Alex will check in with Amanda
- When we get back from spring break, one week for nomination and one week for voting
- We should get a card for each award-winner
- Maggie will present the awards on honors day

End-of-Year Picnic

- Alex will reserve the Pavilion at Victor Ashe Park (4-8 pm)
- Saturday, April 27 (unless we can't get the Pavilion - April 13th backup)

Spring Town Hall

- Friday, April 26