

Attending: Bly, Massaro, Pollesch (for part about tea), Rooker, Weber

- 1. Tea time** Nate was curious if there would be a better way to organize tea time than it is currently being done. He has a hard time finding volunteers some weeks, and has to resort to personal favors. Suggestions for increasing the number of volunteers was using the MGSC to encourage participation and pairing up older students with younger students. A tea committee was proposed, to be head by Nate this year. The MGSC and this committee will need to find a new committee head next year. Introducing a mug collection, adding music, and/or having a supply of board games (chess, Candyland, deck of cards, etc.) was proposed to encourage participation in tea time. Mark mentioned he would be willing to lobby office-to-office for tea time volunteers.
- 2. Professional development activities** Kevin S, Joan Lind, and Judy Day are working together in this regard. Joan is willing to moderate a “Brown Bag” Luncheon series that would discuss various topics (grant writing, resume writing, interviewing, etc.). Dr. Feng met with Kevin and Tyler this morning, suggesting to file a formal request with the department to cater such events. Tyler has agreed to type up such a request. A monthly schedule of such events was proposed as likely to be most effective.
- 3. MGSC website status** Darrin will be talking with Pam to determine the timeline for the new website launch and/or whether the MGSC can have a page added to the old/current website.
- 4. Officer positions** Mark will act as secretary, unless a meeting will focus on a topic that will prevent him from taking good notes. Kelly will act as president.
- 5. Town hall** A date of late September or early October was proposed. Tea time will be mentioned at this meeting. More specifics will be planning in next meeting. For spring town hall, accumulating research regarding GTA workload, GTA pay, and fees paid at competing institutions was mentioned as a way to help prevent current trend of more work for same pay.
- 6. Social events** Jump Jam is planned to occur this semester. Kelly will arrange a Doodle to determine a day/time that will work best for the most graduate students. Apple picking was mentioned as another planned activity for this semester. MGSC members will keep an eye/ear out for math/science-type movies coming out for a possible movie day/night.