

MGSC Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2019

Attending: Lacy, Ryan, Sulyok

Diagnostic Dinner Follow-Up

- The MGSC is grateful that so many incoming graduate students took advantage of the dinner at Sunspot.
- In the future, MGSC should order appetizers as a wave of food. Note that the appetizers were smaller than originally planned; don't order wontons and order more sweet potato fries.
- The MGSC recommends an earlier start time next year so it is closer to the end of the diagnostic exam and hold upstairs so there are mingling options.

WiSTAR3 Decision

- The MGSC decided to spend the \$500 diversity funds from Dr. Plaut on a weekend workshop on diversity and inclusion. After discussing plans with Dr. Plaut, the MGSC will contact WiSTAR3 with the final decision.

DGS Transition

- The MGSC will facilitate signing Dr. Feng's card today at lunch as well as on Monday's luncheon. After Monday, the card will be placed in the MGSC mailbox with an email notification sent to graduate students to sign the card by Friday.
- The MGSC will write letter the letter with collected notes from the Google Form by next Friday and then give the card to Dr. Feng.

September PDL

- The September PDL will be on Resumes and CVs, hosted by Alex. She will work on contacting potential panelists.
- Cara will host the October PDL on Job Interviews.

- Jack will host the November PDL on topic to be determined.

SSSF Administration

- Cara will send a reminder email to the department that the SSSF folder exists and encourage graduate students to take advantage of it.

AWM Membership

- Dr. Plaut emailed Jack to help select 20 graduate students who will be awarded with a free AWM Departmental Student Membership.