

MGSC Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

Attending: Lacy, Ryan, Sulyok

September PDL

- Alex is hosting the September PDL on Resumes and CV. The panelists have not been confirmed. She is working to invite a panelist from Maryville College.
- It will be held on the last week of September - either Monday, September 23 or Wednesday, September 25.

October PDL

- Cara will host the October PDL on Job Interviews. She will confirm the panelists.
- It will be held on Tuesday or Thursday the week of October 21.

November PDL

- Jack will host the November PDL on a topic in math education. The speaker will be from outside the math department.

National Math Alliance Meeting

- Dr. Plaut and Jack will attend this meeting on Friday this week. More updates to follow.

Online Peer Groups for First-Year Students

- Dr. Freire sent an email to the MGSC regarding this opportunity. The second deadline is in October.
- Jack will send an email to the first-year students on behalf of the MGSC with a disclaimer that it is not endorsed by the MGSC.

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access Summit (IDEAS)

- The MGSC plans to spend the \$500 diversity funds on a summit to be held in March or April 2020.
- The Summit will begin at the Friday Colloquium Time with a Keynote address; Cara will work with Dr. Strickland to confirm that the MGSC will be permitted to host a speaker.
- The \$500 will be spent on food and other conference supplies.
- The conference will begin at colloquium, followed by breakout sessions and a provided dinner. It will resume on Saturday morning with breakfast and a keynote address, followed by breakout sessions and lunch, concluding by mid-afternoon.
- The final program will be created by the end of February 2020.
- The first call for speakers will be sent by early November with a due date for proposals in early December.
- The MGSC still needs final approval from Dr. Plaut. A finalized proposal will be sent by September 30, 2019.

Prelim Notification

- Following concerns about professors reaching out to students prior to the preliminary exam results, the MGSC worked with the department to put in place stricter guidelines on the formal notification process.
- From conversation with prelim-taking students, the guidelines were followed.

Forum with Department Administration

- The MGSC will host a forum/question and answer session with the math department administration (Drs. Brodskiy, Freire, and Plaut). This will give graduate students to have their questions answered directly by the department.
- The MGSC will send a Google Form to collect student questions prior to the Forum and Jack will moderate the panel.
- Cara will reach out to Drs. Brodskiy, Freire, and Plaut to schedule.