

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

- No GAPSA
- First Meeting of Spring Semester
 - As per constitution, everyone will need to give a quick summary of what they have done this year
 - Everyone create a powerpoint with what they have done
 - This will include a best-estimate budget from Hong
 - A lot of GAP money left
 - Any Discretionary applications?
 - Will have to vote on the Physics rep getting their merit funding
 - Would like to keep business agenda light, so that we can have lots of discussion about what the GB would like to see accomplished this semester
 - Best done in committees or all together?
- Social
 - Andrew had discussed a welcome back event, anything on the books yet?
 - Happy hour off-campus. Maybe do it with another small school. Could go to Clarkville (?) for pizza and drinks or somewhere else
 - On campus welcome back event would be good
 - Scotch tasting with Engineering on 1/25?
 - Still a lot of GAP funding, so we should push for a few big events
- Meeting with Eve scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th, at 2:30 pm.
- CAPS
 - We should pick one specific program from the suggestions we arranged and make it happen, then progress from there
 - Talk with Miles about whether or not the survey is going out soon
- Sexual Harassment Policy
 - The one thing we really want to see changed is the fact that we have to report to department chairs/ the dean when faculty are involved
- Solidarity Fund
 - Discussion needed with Jewel & Barb on how we can distribute money
 - They will likely require that we get approval at least from Eve, if not higher.
 - May be opportunity for cross-information, though, as though at a far lower level than she implied, Eve did set up a program for supporting students on medical leave.
 - To be initiated next year, presumably?
 - Value of non-specificity
 - Wider-reach, but perhaps limits impact on pushing for more change?
 - Timeline
 - Sure to exceed demand, based purely off of numbers for medical leave
 - Should we then operate first-come, first served, or have a window?
 - Threat of latter is puts in position of judging severity of circumstances
 - Evaluation
 - How do we evaluate claims? Especially given our non-access to important details. For instance, is it hardship if someone is forced out of program after, say, refusing to take courses or exams (happened in my department a few years ago)? But how do we certify such information?
 - Privacy Concerns

- One thing to request travel details, quite another to request medical documentation?
 - How do we circumvent these? Only require proof of a medical condition? Gets back to evaluation concerns