

AGSIP Executive Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 4, 2022

Funding

- Mark presented funding information on Friday
- Establishing subcommittee to develop proposal for faculty meeting
- Unlikely to receive full amount due to barriers the department faces (e.g., government allocation)
- Faculty expressed concern about funding graduate students from their grants that are not productive but agree that graduate students should live comfortably
 - Even small amounts from supervisors (e.g., \$500) can really help
- Faculty and students should use the annual graduate report as an opportunity to check-in on funding situation
- Seeking additional information
 - How does number of external grants available relate to number of students in program?
 - Are junior vs. senior faculty funding their students differently?
- Affordable housing group
 - Going to set-up a google doc in which people can post if they are looking/leaving
 - QR code will be on bulletin board
- Potential fundraising event: Psychology Gala for potential donors to the program (not meant for students)
 - Seats would cost a few \$100
 - Will reach out to individuals that have been involved in this type of event before (Wendy Craig, new database coordinator)

AGSIP Lounge

- Will be getting a TV for the conference room (less expensive than smartboard)
- Conference room is bookable through outlook now
- Making progress on other requests

Graduate Mentorship Program

- There has been interest in a mentorship program
- Discussed renewing an existing program (Qchat – online, 15 min discussions with grad student) or developing a new one with undergrads
 - Undergrads have their own program – going to reach out to undergrad mentorship program coordinator
 - Could open a graduate program only to undergrads in the department (2nd year and up), as well as junior graduate students
 - Could bring back Qchat in a longer format (more than 15 mins)
- We always seem to have more mentors than mentees
- Potential event: graduate student job night with wide variety of careers (similar to grad night for undergrads)

Social Events

- Student & faculty potluck (@ Dean Tripp's house) – October 15
- SGPS events (meet up and attend events together)

- Pumpkinferno – October 17
- Ghost Walk of Queen's – October 24
- Firewater Thunderbird Rising performance – October 26
- Going to distribute survey to assess interest in these events
- Distinguished Lecture Series – October 21
- AGSIP writing group
 - Will meet twice a week in the AGSIP lounge (dates TBD)
 - Provide space to write around others
- Future events: paint night, board game night, movie night (dates TBD)
- Potential holiday events: holiday potluck, holiday party