

AGSIP Meeting

January 21, 2015

5:40pm

Attendance: Katrina, Sara, Chloe, Vanessa, Kalee, Jackie H.

Regrets: Jackie C.

1. USATS – need to start working on these, likely after reading week. Will be modifying them to make them more useful. Can work with the office on this, because they are administered from the registrar. Need to get more info on what's involved.
 - a. We also have forms that someone made for TA evaluations. Need to be sure to give those out.
 - b. Katrina will look into this; Chloe will work on this as well.
2. Eric's idea/request of 1-2 min videos for promotion.
 - a. People did not seem very receptive to it at the full AGSIP meeting.
 - b. Maybe we could propose one person from each discipline doing a video?
 - i. Talk about pro-seminar, different types of classes, what the program is like and what to expect, what the day to day is like.
 - ii. A few professors would be great to.
 - c. We could consider a FAQ on the website?
 - d. Eric is doing this, but we have a responsibility to facilitate.
 - e. Katrina will send out an e-mail to the listserv soliciting volunteers.
3. Year-end Newsletter: short blurb about AGSIP and what we've been up to and some recent grad student successes from 2014.
 - a. Maybe include the total number of people who got funding from different organizations, Vanier, etc. Can ask the graduate program coordinator for these numbers.
 - b. Sara and Kalee will work on this.
4. Social events this term
 - a. Open house is March 6th. We should plan an event before that, and also need to plan the events surrounding the open house.
 - i. Friday night event: Could do it at someone's house (Jackie C. or Layla?) or can rent out the top floor of the Griz. Or grad club (casual, not too dark).
 - b. February event: **Thursday, Feb 5, 7pm GAMES NIGHT in Humphrey**
 - i. We'll serve hot chocolate or something. Set it up so people play games in different sections of the room so we can have more options/variety. People can bring their games, and we'll have some that AGSIP will bring.
→ **Sara will send a message on the listserv.**
 - ii. Other Ideas:

1. **Piggy backing on grad club's "slow dance party" ~ Feb 14.**
We can start promoting that.
 2. Karaoke night? Tir Nan Nog.
 3. Skating night followed by brew pub or trivia or karaoke.
 4. Could consider going to trivia together at the grad club on some Thursdays.
- c. Housecrawl once it gets warm – March? Weekend before or after St. Patty's day? OR right after exams/marking?
- i. Could do a pubcrawl for one of these. Or could keep the pubcrawl as a summer event.