

AGSIP Exec Meeting June 6, 2017

Present: Dan, Alison, Caitlin, Meghan, Lindsey, Laura, Kat, Geoff, Alexandra

Regrets: None!

Agenda: Summer social events, Orientation week, Methods Course, Miscellaneous

- Summer social events
 - Collaborating on wine tour with other departments? We wouldn't have to recruit as much to keep the costs down
 - 50-60 people max on bus (so would likely have room for others)
 - may have to charge closer to 30\$ (was 25\$ last year) so we don't lose money
 - if we only get 25 people or so, we can open it up to SGPS to see if they would want to join, also include Neuroscience people
 - could try a week day when its less busy and they could better accommodate a big group and give tour of vineyard etc.
 - Social committee will call around to wine places and see what prices are like
 - may also consider doing a beach day in Sandbanks as an alternative summer social event
 - send around a survey to see what people's interest would be
- Orientation week
 - Incoming students wished there were more opportunities to hear about different profs' research programs and goals (help them people know who is available for committees in the department)
 - Potential ways to get students to know about more faculty member's research:
 - Do an in house conference?
 - Could have current faculty members giving talks at distinguished lectures
 - Encourage faculty members to come to first potluck – have some profs talk about what they do and who they are
 - Get area reps involved in this to get them to help people get to know the profs in their area – put together something that has picture of the prof and blurb about what they do
 - Orientation week social events:
 - Scavenger hunt is a yes
 - Boat Cruise is a yes
 - Dinner at the Toucan is a yes
 - Potluck the first week of classes – encourage the faculty to come as well
 - Wine and Cheese – do first or second week of classes – same day as potluck? Hopefully can do at Joyce's place since it's normally very busy and well-attended
- Methods course
 - Update: Mark and Jason want to develop fMRI and EEG stuff, Meredith and Caroline could be interested in adding in psychophysiological stuff

- May open it up to undergrads but people do not seem to be happy about this (grad students are hesitant about this and concerned about what undergrads would be able to get out of it)
- Discuss this with Hans – bring up in departmental meeting or make a separate meeting?
- Grad students are concerned this survey style of course, grad students want things to be more focused and make it more of a training course

4) Miscellaneous

- Provide more info to incoming students about state of job market in academia and what you need to do to enter this field
 - Maybe integrate this kind of info into 801 so students know this early on
 - Do more AGMs or a workshop framed with a focus on planning your path
 - Help people to be more proactive in “choosing their own adventure”
 - If we do workshop: maybe have 30-45 minute powerpoint overview on different career options and things you should/can do to help get there
 - after first semester in MSc 1
 - helps to empower students about different career options
- do a picture in next meeting and put in on AGSIP board
- evaluating courses – Meghan will draft some questions to evaluate learning objectives of courses and then maybe send to Hans to get underway
- New coffee maker in Craine lounge
 - Do we want to go in together to get K cups or coffee pods? Grad students seem interested in this