

AGSIP Meeting Minutes Oct 17, 2017

Attendance: Laura, Geoff, Alison, Meghan, Kat

Regrets: Dan, Caitlin, Alexandra, Lindsey

Agenda: aim to have a shorter meeting, debrief house crawl, ongoing TA contract discussion, Other

House crawl

- collected \$235
- Please email Lindsey to get reimbursed
- Overall really good event, maybe a bit less attended than usual
 - There was a first-year midterm on the Monday
 - Smaller cohorts?

TA Contracts

- Geoff reminded the faculty about our concerns at the last departmental meeting
 - unclear how much they are following up
- Daryl in charge of deciding next steps
- Lots of grad students are taking on double TAs and we don't have information about making decisions in terms of workload
- Plan to keep reminding the faculty about this as they cannot break union agreements or we could strike
- Plan to keep students updated in our next newsletter

Other

- Grad Mentors
 - Want to check in with Vanessa and Kalee to see how things are going this year
 - Want to make sure that first year students are aware of supports in place
 - Geoff will check in
- Kate Harkness organizing a "career planning" discussion for all students
 - Many students looking forward to this
 - But some students might feel like they're not getting much from it if it is too focused on clinical
 - Jill Jacobson might be able to do one for experimental students if needed in the future that is focused on academia and industry work