



Graduate Student Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2022 | 1pm-2pm | Zoom

Present: Nam Ung, Mika Walton, Chris Pattison, Simona Miller, Kimberley Golubeva, Tony Rodriguez, Sam Ponnada, Andrew Graven

- I. Hello and welcome
- II. Introductions & pronouns
 - a. Name, option, year, what do you hope to contribute/gain?
- III. Ice-Breaker (Mika) – ideal day described by what you would eat
- IV. Goals, expectations, structure
 - a. COVID-19 and this year – continued restrictions but hope to be easing up soon.
 - b. Programming and social engagement
- V. Overall updates on classes and social events
- VI. Check-in
 - a. How are *you* doing? How are *we* doing?
 - i. Feeling overwhelmed with classwork
 - ii. Difficult to meet people and make new friends
 - iii. Hybrid classes create kind of sacrifice in terms of teaching
 - iv. Fall term was hard for G1s, now a little more settled but still trying to figure out the expectations of balance between research and coursework.
 - v. Lack of clarity of what's expected in the first year especially. What should be the balance between research vs. qual prep vs. coursework. Perhaps this can be addressed during orientation, a meeting with the Option Rep, or a write-up by the GOR.
 - vi. More clarity about how a theorist should find an advisor.
 - vii. Socially, people are isolated

b. How do we make the most of the remainder of another challenging year?

i. Common events between Linde and Bridge

VII. Discussion

a. Visit Days

i. Astro – March 3rd – 5th

ii. Math – March 7th

iii. Physics – March 10th-11th

b. PMA Happy Hour

c. Integration Bee

i. Andrew will be putting together list of responsibilities and what needs to happen to put on this event.

d. Program brainstorm

i. Advisor “speed-dating” event?

VIII. Other business?

IX. Future monthly meetings