



Graduate Student Advisory Board Meeting

March 24, 2022 | 12pm-1pm | Zoom

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

- I. Hello!
- II. Updates
 - a. Visit Days – updates from Mika, Tony and Sam
 - b. Admissions – waiting on most admit decisions (deadline April 15th)
 - c. Updates on COVID policies check-in – is testing policy going to change? No changes at the moment, but anticipation of continued changes.
- III. Programming
 - a. Happy Hour
 - i. How did it go, Andrew? Around 40 people there with 50-60 throughout. Went better than expected. Liquid nitrogen ice cream was a hit as well as the nicer food from Tom Mannion.
 - ii. Upcoming HHs and additional support - Andrew talked to the Astro Beer Hour students for tips for the future. It was a lot more work than expected, would make it a lot easier to have 1-2 additional students to help. Can look into increasing the budget, Nam will discuss with Andrew. Tony, Sam, and Kimberly volunteered to help with future Happy Hour. Having food is important because some students don't drink. Next one- April 8th.
 - b. Integration Bee updates (Andrew)
 - i. Planning committee – have 2 undergrads that we could add to the committee. Committee with 4-5 people will be needed. End of next week start forming committee.

- c. Faculty-student speed advising meeting – Nam and Mika will talk next week about planning this event. The Astro Visit involved post-docs which worked well. Cast the net wider to involve post-docs and research scientists. Group settings may end up being dominated by one person. Maybe have it for all of PMA but make physical spaces where different departments go? Good for students to talk to people that will not be an advisor option, but still talk to them about research. Do we want to wait until fall when there are new first years? Orientation week would not work, but sometime in early fall (first 4 weeks of school.) Increase attendance by having faculty nominate someone to represent their group if they are unavailable to attend (make it an option but a discouraged option.) How do we motivate faculty to attend. Have white boards available.
- d. End-of-year celebrations – Planning for a May event for Physics and Math to hand out student awards, no event for Astro.

- IV. Other business?
- V. Schedule April in-person lunch meeting
- VI. Thanks!