

PMA Undergraduate Student Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

22 February 2023

In attendance

Physics: Adele Basturk, Jon Booker, Patill Daghlian, Audrey Devault, Samuel Senzon

Mathematics: Laura Lewis, Michael Manta

Astro: Lilia Arrizabalaga

SPO: Nam, Belen

Welcome and Introductions

- Introductions again, since there are more students present.

Review previous meetings minutes: questions/concerns

- Ensuring that the board members were able to access the meeting minutes and can find them on the website.
- These minutes are published on our website. If there are ever questions or concerns, please let SPO know.

Updates

- Building access for PMA undergraduate students
 - o SPO sent out communication to all PMA option undergraduate students that they should now have 24/7 access to all PMA buildings. The email included language to let students know that the UG SAB advocated for this, and that this is what the board is for.
 - o Reminder to be respectful of the spaces and the folks that oversee them.
 - o Board members shared that there was a lot of positive feedback about this change.
- Funding opportunity on our website
 - o Reminder that SPO has a small bucket of money for undergraduate opportunities that PMA students can apply for. It is on the SPO website, and it is a simple form. Mostly this can be used for conferences.
- Ph 12b Support Check-In
 - o During the last meeting, at the beginning of the term, there was concern about Ph 12b TA support for students, and we wanted to check if the TA support is adequate for students.
 - o Students have adjusted and the student support seems appropriate, and it is similar to other courses.
- Recitation Times for Spring and 2023-2024 AY
 - o SPO checked in with Athletics and confirmed that practice is usually weekdays between 4:00pm-6:30pm.
 - o SPO contacted the instructor for the spring term and informed them of the time conflict with Ph 12 recitations and athlete's practice schedule. We are hoping this is not an issue for spring and will continue to monitor it.

- SPO will look into recitations and any changes that can happen there, considering other time conflicts and the historical time in which recitations are offered.
- DiscoTech
 - This is the first time the Divisions are asked to be a part of DiscoTech. We will do the programming for 5 sessions in which we hope to showcase our options.
 - DiscoTech is the main recruitment event for Undergraduate Admissions. It will be happening during week 3.
 - We are asking board members to volunteer and sign up for times. If they know of any peers that would be good for this event, please ask them to contact SPO.

Targeted Programming

- One or two achievable programming in the Spring
 - During the last meeting, there were many great programming ideas. We would like to finalize one or two events that are achievable for the spring.
 - Welcome event for newly declared PMA options
 - Informational event for newly declared PMA options and second years
 - The welcome event would be for all PMA undergraduate students. It would be a social/mixer event. The best time for this would be Week 4.
 - The informational event is better as an informal drop-in office hours format, where each option has a couple junior/senior students share advice with first and second years. The best time for this would be Week 6.
 - SPO will look into the possibility of doing the welcome event during a weekend. A few board members would need to be point people to coordinate on the day of.

SAB Shirts

- Distributed 8 shirts.

Other business?

- An inquiry on if undergraduate Math students can receive the information/emails about the seminars as well. Physics and Astro undergraduate students receive them. These are also included in the newsletter, but math is not.

Thanks!