

## **Grad Student Advisory Board Meeting**

December 8, 2020

Present: Nam, Mika, Nikita, Sean, Tamir, Yuping

**Sexual Harassment training** - make it “mandatory”, food vouchers?

Approach the RPR student group to possibly facilitate the training in winter term.

### **Student Programming ideas**

Most popular GSC ideas: virtual escape room (current GSC social chair: Alex Buser)

Generic social events don't work, but doing something you would normally have to pay for.

Key is to create structure, an actual program (e.g. talk swap but participate or be an audience).

Be more specific about what is going to happen and have incentives, prizes.

Aggressive reminders.

### **Grad Admissions**

Physics and Math will now be interviewing applicants (like Astro)

Applicants should be given a heads up about the interview process and questions.

Interviews should be standardized across faculty that are doing the interviews.

Physics will have standard questions, regardless of area of research interest.

### **Ongoing Funding Issue**

Math - (pilot program)students are TAing as an academic requirement (language in the catalog), so all students, even those abroad can TA and continue to be funded.

Physics - trying to figure out a way to pay all G1 students abroad and G2+ students abroad on fellowship so they can stay abroad and not have to come back to the US or take a leave of absence. This will affect our future budgets for the next few years (i.e. scale back admission numbers, etc.) Hoping to implement the Math pilot program in spring so students abroad can TA and receive funding.

No DEI Task Force update

### **Action Items:**

Touch base with Alex Buser, GSC Social Chair for programming ideas

Mika and Nam will connect with the RPR group to do something winter term (if no, go to Title IX)

Nam will share concerns to Fiona regarding admissions.