

## **Grad Student Advisory Board Meeting minutes**

March 24, 2021 - 1:00pm

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

### DEI Task force update

- Drafting document on goals/priorities to be shared with Fiona to draft charge and form standing committee
- Should be an opportunity for PMA community to give feedback on documents and perhaps schedule some community discussions
- Website in the works

### Visit Days update

- Visit days went well
- Gathertown seemed to be fairly well received with students
- Now just waiting on student decisions
- Individualized outreach by faculty and current students to historically minoritized and women admits

### Thoughts on repopulating (currently no plans for reopening campus)

- Plans for surveying students in addition to a town hall
- Vaccine dashboard - data available to students to know how many vaccinated
- Repopulating will be in stages, lower density vs. everyone coming back at once
- We're not going to repopulate until X% of people vaccinated - can Caltech commit to this?
- International students priority to vaccinate; make decision about them soon; guidance; reach out to ISP
- Safety of staff (custodians, admin, etc.) important without posing dangers

### Possible workshop on dialoguing over differences

- Would be more useful to have workshops for facilitators
- Some discomfort is okay and to be expected
- Have not seen this be a big issue, events seem to be going well
- A fall in-person workshop would be more ideal over one on zoom, sort of rushed in the spring

Spring meeting with the Division Chair - think of topics that should be addressed

Next PMA grad social - April/May?