

Graduate Student Advisory Board Meeting

November 28, 2022 12-1pm

Present: Nam Ung, Mika Walton, Colin Weller, Sara Vanovac, Sam Ponnada, Dylan King, Ivey Davis, Simona Miller

Absent: Tara Leininger, Andrew Graven

Introductions

Simona – would like to focus on culture of PMA overall, setting expectations on what is expected in your first-year, more student feedback on that process

Ivey – culture, climate of division, addressing strenuous student-advisor relationship

Dylan – bringing math into the PMA fold

Sam – more dialog with upper leadership, climate and helping first-year students, have good expectations set with first year students and their advisors

Sara – climate and culture of PMA

Colin – interested student's well-being and having a great time

Overall goals and structures

1. Reintroducing the community into in-person programming
2. Meetings with Division Chair, EOs, Option Reps – creating paths for communication to propose changes and voice concerns; have 1 meeting in the fall and 1 meeting in the spring to bring forth issues. Keep an ongoing written account of priorities that lives with Nam and Mika and gets passed on to the next SAB so that there is continuity and accountability.

Issues that were brought up in the past

- Advising relationships
- Grad student involvement in faculty searches
 - Send SAB the rubric for faculty hiring that previous SAB members created
- PMA DEI Standing Committee
- More all-gender restrooms (also brought up by GWiPMA)

A question about the tenure process was brought up, students may ask about it at meeting w/ faculty leadership

Giving first-year students more information about expectations regarding courses and quals, rubric for Astro oral candidacy exams, more useful guides

Changing Orientation to make it more supportive – make it standardized, especially with courses, having both experimental and theory advice for physics, have anonymized anthology regarding their first-year balance of research and coursework.

create a document to hand out to incoming students that has info from older students

Math qualifying exams – have to do coursework at the same time as preparing for quals – offer quals before courses start.

Week of December 12th – meet with academic leadership, have it over zoom so those out of town can attend, 1 hour and a half

Skipping December 16th – Happy Hour cancelled