

February 23, 2023

Grad Student Advisory Board

Present: Nam, Mika, Andrew, Colin, Ivy, Sara, Sam Dylan, Simona

Absent: Tara

PMA DEIO Committee- welcome message about to go out and will be asking for self-nominations from students and postdocs (2 grads per options, 1 undergrad per option, 2 postdocs per options, 2 staff members); committee meetings scheduled to happen once a term

DEIO Fellowship – funding for events not set yet, but there could be; fellowship will be awarded every year; decided by DEI Committee (if graduate student on the committee and applies for the fellowship, they could recuse themselves from the decision-making process)

All Gender Restrooms – PMA map/illustration being worked on

Programming

PMA Faculty-Grad Happy Hour moved to March 10th

Next **PMA Grad Happy Hour** – April 7th – Sara and Dylan coordinating

Potential programming in the spring combining both grads and undergrads – pizza party? Non-alcoholic Happy Hour?

Visit Days – have space for GWiPMA to be available during 1:1 faculty meeting times where students who do not have meetings can decompress (coordinate with Ivy)

Miscellaneous

Sara spoke with **Communications** about writing about the work of Grad SAB so they will be interviewing us for an article. Write-up will be sent to Grad SAB for review/comment.

Options and Division-specific recommendations – postponed until after Visit Days (last one Mar 15th)

Other Business

Not much awareness of **SURF program** – more messaging to grads about getting involved as an opportunity to mentor and have help in their research

Caltech Connection – mentorship program through EAS (with some PMA grads), still in the pilot stage, grads mentoring undergrad community college and other UG students

Cal-Bridge- Cal State Universities program for historically minoritized students to get mentoring about going to graduate school; Caltech agrees to interview all Cal-Bridge students that apply for PhD programs

American Astronomical Society– **Equity in Graduate Admissions Workshop** – next Tuesday for faculty, grad and postdocs, free to attend