

PMA Undergraduate Student Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

27 April 2023

In attendance

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

Mathematics: Michael Manta

Astrophysics: Sharkey Domani

SPO: Nam, Belen

Hello & Welcome

- Spring Term Ice Breaker: What are you enjoying about your spring term?

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.
- If there are ever questions or concerns, please let SPO know.

Updates

- DiscoTech Debrief
 - o Thank you to everyone in the board who volunteered. We had many student volunteers, which was great. We are giving student volunteers some swag.
 - o Any feedback on the event from the student perspective:
 - It is helpful for prospective students to hear from current students and learn about the programs and what it will really be like at Caltech.
- Interest to meet Graduate SAB: UG SAB is interested in a mixer type event with the Graduate SAB.

Target Programming

- PMA Division Welcome Social for new options:
 - o New PMA Undergraduate Welcome Mixer: Friday, May 5th, 12pm lunch [location TBD: the two options are the Cahill Patio or Hameetman Center]
 - Update on the date: May 5th aligned better with the process to declare options and get assigned advisors
 - Board members agreed that Cahill Patio would work better. The Hameetman Center feels more official and less like a mixer, and this location will affect attendance.
 - o PMA Undergraduate Peer Advising Drop-In Hour: May 12th, 12pm [Various Classrooms], need SAB volunteers.
 - Will send out flyer soon
 - Will order food (probably pizza)
 - Some topics that can be covered here are scheduling, class advice, research opportunities (SURF/REUs), opportunities within the options, etc.

- This makes our programming events scheduled in tandem, one week apart, back-to-back Friday lunch hours.

Other business

- Question about Mid-Quarter Surveys and Ombuds feedback tools: these are mostly aimed at core and pseudo core classes or courses that have over 30 students enrolled.
 - Concern about Ph 2c Practical, no ombuds signed-up. SPO will follow up on Ombuds signups.
- Can a course similar to the Ay 30 course be offered in Physics and Math? The course consists of Astrophysics students meeting at the instructor's house to listen to current researchers discuss their areas of research. It is a neat way to learn about different research areas.
 - Ay 30 is a small course, and it may be difficult to replicate in Math and Physics in the form of a course. SPO will look into any possibilities of something similar being offered.

Thanks!