

## **PMA Undergraduate Student Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

15 November 2023

### **In attendance**

Physics: Adele Basturk, Nachiket Bhanushali, Jonathan Booker, Hannah Rose, Joe Sheeran

Mathematics: Toyesh Jayaswal, Michael Manta, Akshar Ramkumar

Astrophysics: Lilia Arrizabalaga, Diya Kumar

SPO: Nam, Belen

Absent: Riley Tam (Astrophysics)

### **Hello & Welcome**

- Introductions: name, pronouns, option, year.

### **Programming Update**

- Fall Pumpkin Carving and Decorating – Debrief
  - o Students who attended had fun
  - o Low turnout – generally a low turnout in events this term
  - o Maybe the midterms kept students from participating, or the time of the event.
- Upcoming: Graduate Application Program, Tuesday, Nov. 28
  - o Math: 12pm – 1pm Linde 289
  - o Physics and Astro combined: 12pm – 2pm? Linde 255
    - Partner with GWIPMA
  - o Maybe we can make this event a two-part event
  - o For sophomores and juniors it can be more of a Q&A program
  - o It may be best to focus this event on one group. Focus this event on seniors: a workshop for them to review their application materials in a workshop.
  - o We can do an application program in the spring for sophomores and juniors. Partner with other offices that do this kind of programming.
  - o For physics and Astro, 1.5 – 2 hours is enough time. There are not that many senior students, so it is enough time carved out for the options.
- Winter Ideas:
  - o A program for students to secure research projects/supervisors/funding for the summer, like SURF, REUs, etc.
  - o SFP has ambassadors that already do this type of programming, so we should not duplicate programming.
  - o UG SAB can work on finalizing an academic program for the winter.
  - o For a social event, we can have a board game night/cookie decorating event. It is easier to have events where there is an activity because it encourages people to talk to each other.
    - We should try an evening event that is closer to housing for students.
    - Second or third Thursday of the term can work well, from 6pm – 8pm or 7pm – 9pm.

### **SAB T-shirts Update**

- We will need to order one shirt for both the UG SAB and the Grad SAB, since the minimum is 24 shirts.
- Order name tags instead?
  - The board prefers t-shirts.
- We will be sending out a form for shirt sizes.

**Thanks!**