

PMA Undergraduate Student Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

6 November 2024

In attendance

Physics: Shrishti Pankaj Kulkarni, Hannah Rose, Zhiyi (Miranda) Zheng

Mathematics: Colin La, Akshar Ramkumar, Jasmine Wang

SPO: Nam, Belen

Absent

Physics: Joe Sheeran

Astrophysics: Diya Kumar

Hello & Welcome

- Campus Resources
- Ice-Breaker: Comfort show, movie, or activity

Programming Brainstorm

- Fall Pumpkin Carving and Decorating with OT Sweet Treats and Tips – Debrief
 - o Went well. Well attended. Students enjoyed it.

Upcoming

- Fall Academic Event – Grad Applications Workshop, tomorrow 12pm – 1pm
 - o Not as many senior students signed up, so the event was opened up to juniors.
 - Some reasons for this may be NSF applications are due in October, so it may help to move it sooner in the term.
 - Combine info sessions in the spring with workshopping in the fall.
- Fall Academic event – UG Research Mixer tentative date: Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 3:30p – 4:30pm.
 - o How can we recruit first years for our programs?
 - An open call to all first years may not be the best option, but an email can be sent to students in Ph 10 and Ma 20, or other freshman seminars in PMA to invite them.
 - o The second academic event needs more planning with a clear goal.
 - o Another idea is to have a booklet, info sheet with information for students applying to research.
 - o Another idea is to create a directory of sorts, where students looking for guidance when applying for research, can look up the experience of other senior students.
 - The board members will start a spreadsheet with some preliminary contacts.
 - The Board will create a questionnaire form to send to senior students to be added to the directory.

- The Board will create a message to send to first years, second years, and third years to introduce the directory.
- The Board will send all materials to SPO for review with a target of a November 18 rollout date.

- Winter:
 - Game Night and Cookie Decorating social event. Should be early in the winter term because it is a quick, tough quarter. Week 2 or week 3 works best.
 - Alumni academic event: the Board needs to decide a day and time so we can begin looking for a venue and inviting alumni
 - Can reach out to CALE if we have enough time.
 - OT Module
- Spring: UG Welcome Mixer, Peer Advising, Grad School

December Meeting: since the term ends early in December, we will have the December meeting via email.

T-Shirts

Concerns and Questions

- N/A

Other Business

- N/A

Thanks!