

Executive Report

From the Office of the VP of Professional Development

Date: 11-18-14



Professional Development Committee Meeting Minutes

TOTAL # of Members: 20

Members Present:

Director: Chris Reina

Assembly Members: Andy Waldron, Yanqin Liu, Evelyn Baca

Graduate Students: Vivek Reddy Vanapalli, Dinesh Allam, Rajat Aggarwal, Sushrut Dabir, Varun Reddy Pulluru, Victor Sanjai Vincent, Piper Ruiz

Members Absent:

Assembly Members: Yashu Chen, Irfan Kula; Christian Sandoval

**Rohan Shah and Kerem Demirtas were added AFTER the last meeting (Rohan meet with Pauline separately to catch-up on what he has missed)

Graduate students: Manish Jadhav, Naga Abhishek Bollapragada, Neeraj Chinthi Reddy, Sagar Pipada

Description/Minutes of Committee Meeting

- Upcoming November PD Events
 - Team decided on 3 events to pursue
 - Chose leads/co-leads and discussed next steps
- Upcoming December Social Events
 - Chose leads and discussed next steps for 2 upcoming events
- VPPD presented on the various factors to take into account when planning events (i.e. events being inclusive, accessible, manageable, scalable, necessary/relevant, and within the purview of the PD office)
- Various PD members provided updates about various events/programs they are developing
- Discussion of mentorship award: timeline and associated duties

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting:

Thursday, Dec 4th from 1:30-2:30 pm in the Tempe GSC conference room

Action Required

- Continue to send flyers/announcements for upcoming events. I will provide email templates to make this an easy task. It is helpful when I am cced so that I can keep an eye on the reach of our marketing efforts.
- Continue to attend these events and to help personally invite others to join you!

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1. INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL GRANT

- a. We currently have 107 reviewers for the travel package program; several were disqualified for not complying with the requirements they agreed to by signing our commitment form
- b. This round of travel grants was a light month with 44 applications to score
- c. Kerrie and I will meet on 11/21 to finalize decisions and begin the process of filing paperwork

2. GPSA PD EVENTS

- a. A big SHOUT OUT to the leaders who are putting on amazing events this week:
 - i. Evelyn Baca – who single-handedly threw together a LinkedIn/Versatile PhD/Academia.edu/Blog/Webiste/Social Media event in collaboration with Career Services
 - ii. Piper Ruiz (with the help of Rajat Aggarwal and Sushrut Dabir) for using her expertise on role-playing events to put together a relevant workshop for students
 - iii. Vivek Reddy Vanapalli and Suhsrut Dabir for being very excited about developing another event. Unfortunately, this great idea was met with some obstacles but the two learned about the process of event planning – especially when things don't work out
 - iv. Christian Sandoval – putting together a great flyer showcasing our events

3. UPCOMING GPSA SOCIAL EVENTS

- a. Bigger and Better Coffee Thursdays/Muffin Mondays for final support during the first week of December
 - i. We will be collaborating with the outreach directors to make the last of these events on each campus a BIG one that highlights that GPSA supports their members during finals – Look out for campus-specific advertising soon
- b. Social event – possibly at the Phoenix Zoo for Zoo Lights
 - i. Specific details are still being worked out but look out for advertising surrounding this event soon as well!