

Executive Report

From the Office of *the VP of Professional Development*

Date: 12-7-14



Professional Development Committee Meeting

TOTAL # of Members: 20

-Did not meet in December due to VP PD being ill – Email with action items and specific due dates for completing items sent in lieu of meeting in person (see below)

Description of Semester Wrap-up Email

- Sign-ups for specific events already in the works for Spring 2015 including:
 - Research symposium event (Feb)
 - Grad picnic as part of Grad Appreciation Week (March)
 - Sports events in collaboration with SDFC (Feb and March)
 - GPSA League on Tempe and Poly campuses
 - Sports diplomacy events
 - Ideas for other events
- Action items for Mentorship Award sub-committee (spring semester)
 - Currently deciding on due dates, specific items that will be collected, submission format, method of submission, eligibility requirements, marketing strategies, etc.
 - Details will be updated on the website as soon as these decisions have been made
- PD Committee Evaluation
 - Soliciting feedback form members about: positive elements, areas of growth, what they have gained, what they would like to gain, what they need from other members and from the leadership, and general comments that can be incorporated to improve efficacy of the PD committee and the events they plan

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting:

January – specific date/time TBD contingent upon members' schedules

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1. *INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL GRANT*

- a. We currently have 110 reviewers for the travel package program
- b. Applications will be assigned on Monday the 8th for the December cycle

- c. Proposed change to program: Sponsoring students' travel associated with interviewing (e.g. for residency, internship, professional endeavors, academic careers, etc.)
 - d. Planning for more marketing efforts in the spring, along with greater applicant education in order to help increase both the number and quality of applications
2. *GROUP TRAVEL GRANT*
- a. Proposed change for Spring semester: Will now be open to students applying to attend symposia → hoping to attract more students
3. *SOCIAL EVENTS*
- a. Zoo Lights
 - i. 23 students picked up tickets; 46 people attended; 7-8 people were connected to carpool to the event
 - ii. Different format than previous events – more of a BOGO deal sponsored by GPSA than a structured event
 - 1. Potentially a new type of event that we can incorporate into the type of events we generally plan to meet the needs of the diverse student body
 - b. GSC Support for Finals Events @ all 4 Campuses
 - i. Tempe – 30 attendees, 4 volunteers
 - ii. Downtown – over 35 attendees, 3 volunteers
 - iii. West – small turn-out but snacks purchased and left out for students to pick up
 - iv. Poly – there were running emergency fire and police drills all morning; snacks purchased and left out for students to pick up
 - 1. With the move, we may think about a grand opening event in January