Reminders/Follow-up:
Katie B: committee on student rights and responsibilities
Sarah: investigate how SU selects travel grant award winners
**Need someone to serve food at the TG
Agenda:
1. Committee Reinstatement
   a. Grants & Awards
      i. Aim for clear assessment metric, quantitative evaluation point system
         1. Although a random selection among all qualified applicants might be good (Michael D)
         2. Sarah will look into SU’s protocol for such matters
      ii. Retool announcement, be clearer on what we are looking for
      iii. Form committee 3-5 people to review applications as well
         1. Volunteers to double up on committees?
            a. International committee might have flexibility
            b. Most seem to have a lot of spring events to come
      iv. Michael D: motion to reinstate G&A committee, second by Michael A and Whitney -- no on opposed
   b. Communications
      i. Created last year to retool website – achieved goals
         1. Previous members: Katie D (website), Will (GSO rep), Angela (sec)
      ii. Uses of potential new committee
         1. Promote student research
            a. Common bulletin board
            b. Revamp Facebook account – announcements as a status
         2. Present capstone information
            a. Dept. reps get info from secretaries to Katie D for website
            b. Post lists in grad office – reps need to find these locations
      iii. Bali: merge old committee and webmaster into communications officer?
         1. Michael D: all this might be too much for one individual and the website takes a lot of effort without a guaranteed payoff.
         2. Refresh presence of the group on FB, send out new invites
      iv. Katie D’Amico will assume responsibilities, send ideas to her, if responsibilities grow too great we will revisit in the Spring
Committee Updates

2. Professional Development
   a. Panel: *How To Write a Proposal* 5:30 pm Nifkin Lounge Dec. 2\(^{nd}\)
      i. Panel of professors and students, info packet, food and drinks.

3. Speaker Committee
   a. Joan Roughgarden Stanford: sexual selection and society, long time professor
      i. $2000 honorarium, $1500 from EFB
      ii. Mid April
   b. Bernardo Aguilar
      i. Collaboration with ES – he was coming here anyways 1\(^{st}\) week in April
   c. Established speaker themes
      i. Disregard them?
      ii. Whitney: replace Standing on the Shoulders of Giants with student speaker series potentially
   d. Student Speakers
      i. Identified 7 dates for the spring
         1. Melody Kight
         2. Chris Standley
         3. Email solicitation for more names
      ii. Great turn out at last event: Michael Dimpfl

4. TG – Trivia Dec. 3\(^{rd}\) 5:30
   a. Send questions to Michael (has 5 now)
   b. Fliers to hang up in grad student offices
   c. Middle Ages Kegs (Katie D) and Wegmans Pizza (Whitney)
      i. Need folks to pick it up, always takes longer to pick them up
      ii. Take “skip the beer line” cards if you are bartending
      iii. Set up: Marvin, Yazmin, Sarah (5 pm)
   iv. Serving beer: Bali, Lewis, Doug
   v. Checking ID’s: Yazmin, Sarah
   vi. **Need someone to serve food
   vii. Clean up: Doug (8-8:30 pm)
   d. Can’t do semi-formal, not enough time in the space, move until next semester and pair with awards and presentation of new officers (April)
   e. SU combo pushed off to next semester as well

5. International Committee
   a. Ecological engineering students who went to Mexico are presenting their experiences: food, slide show, interviews
   b. Dec. 2\(^{nd}\) Baker 408 5-8 pm; show starts around 6 pm.
6. Departmental Updates
   a. none

7. Action Items Follow Up
   a. Who plans elections for next year?
   b. Office refrigerator
      i. Staples and craigslist
      ii. Get a full size – check with physical plant
   c. Follow up with Katie if you think of more things.

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