

Agenda September 15th

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GSC DEI rep: Lucy Halperin

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GWAE liaison: Jenny Gubner

Attendees: Adriana, Prash, Lena, Charles D, Daniel, Mycal, Jenny, Lucy, Chelsea, Soumya, Charles O, Charlotte, Björn, Greg, Cadence

Missing: Maya

Action Items

- Everyone update on events they want to plan this fall along with some budget considerations (see bottom of agenda for room to put ideas)
 - [<link removed>](#)
 - [Thoughts on social events: one bigger event vs multiple smaller events.](#)
 - [Avoiding events with reimbursements for many different people \(raffles vs everyone getting separate lunches\)](#)
- [All events need to be on the GA3 calendar. Do so by inviting:](#)
[<link removed>](#) to your event!

Agenda

1. GAAP updates (not sure where to put this since it's not really a GSC rep update)
 - a. Scope: GAAP (Graduate Application Assistance Program) aims to provide mentoring support for ~200 undergrads preparing applications to the MIT AeroAstro grad program, specifically targeting students from underrepresented groups.
 - b. Background: EECS and BioE have similar programs. Last Friday a group of AeroAstro folks (incl. Denise and Nick Roy) talked with the students leading the EECS program about their experience getting this off the ground.

- c. Current status:
 - i. We're targeting the fall 2021 admissions cycle to start this program.
 - ii. We'd like GA³ to "officially support" this program.
 - Mainly we'd eventually want a page on the GA3 website.
 - Also general endorsement.
 - We'll eventually try to scrape together funding, which we might try to do through GA3.
 - a. To compensate mentors
 - b. Expect ~200 eligible students to apply to AeroAstro each year, compensation is to get enough mentors involved
 - iii. We'll be working to get support from the department as well (ideally from faculty committees for DE&I and admissions).
 - iv. We're recruiting for the AeroAstro GAAP executive team! If you're interested in helping to build this program from the ground up. I'll also be sending an email to other student org leadership to recruit as well.
2. Committee Updates
- a. Co-P
 - i. GA3 survey 2020 is live! Please fill this out and encourage your friends & labmates to do so as well
https://mit.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8kyBXCwX7fwbRFH
 - ii. Discuss weekly v biweekly meeting time
 - We've had biweekly meetings in the past, we're running less events now, are weekly meetings an effective use of time?
 - Counterpoint: We're less connected with everything virtual so weekly meetings are a good check in, less likely for ball to be dropped
 - We can try doing shorter more efficient meetings on a weekly basis
 - **Action item: Lena to send out action items**
 - iii. AIAA collab
 - Collab for halloween, potential career fair dinner
 - Mentoring between grads and undergrads- GA³+AIAA vs similar GWAE+WAE program
 - Swag- CustomInk does individualized mailing. **Action items: Co-Ps to bring up with dept**
 - They are looking into Uber eats loophole for reimbursements
 - iv. ASA Mandatory meetings
 - Lena, Daniel & social chairs pls help!
 - All signed up
 - b. VP
 - c. International Chair
 - i. Language session not as attended as before, only 6 people including me
 - ii. Next one in German in two weeks

- iii. The career fair events still happening
- d. Treasurer
 - i. Preliminary draft of budget given by other committee members. Please make a similar budget proposal as what we did last sem-- look at last year's proposal and see if we need to add anything.
 - ii. Note on GAAP- money probably couldn't go through GA^3 since it would involve paying people
 - iii. **Action item Daniel: prepare for budget meeting**
- e. Social Chairs
 - i. Movie night updates
 - ii. Can someone take point on a board game night? There have been requests. Would also like to see a high-level schedule of social events for this sem so we can send out info to grads.
 - Charles O. - I can take point on the board game night
 - iii. Charles O. - First photo contest is finished, good amount of submitted photos (~60) and votes (~50).
 - Next one is underway, no photos yet, but there's plenty of time until Sep. 30 (the deadline) and I sent a reminder today.
 - Included a question for potential future themes in the last one, lots of good ideas that we can use in the future
 - iv. **Action item social chairs: put together budget request for social events, edit line items to propose specific events in budget request**
- f. GSC Reps
 - i. We do have funding. Want us to use it?
 - Yes. Reimbursing for food/snacks or prizes
 - Buying stuff for the club to own is usually not allowed with this money (can't buy a projector)
- g. Intramural Chair
 - i. Lots of interest in tennis, ten teams total
 - ii. Only get charged if we forfeit, will try to ensure that we don't forfeit
- h. Academic Chair
 - i. Lunch with Grad Chair soon perhaps?
 - Date based on Prof Spakovszky's availability
 - ii. Thinking of running another book club
 - Theme? Could be our first fiction
 - iii. **Action item: Charlotte to try to schedule second iteration of How to be an Anti-racist book club meeting**
- i. Outreach/Diversity Chair
 - i. Met with GWAE, no topic picked yet
 - ii. Add budget requests. Currently very little CALL money left
 - GWAE is going to request the CALL money from the department. They should apply for MindHandHeart funding again?

- i. Overview of mentoring best practices and breakout rooms with jigsaw.io, then time for mentors and mentees to meet one on one and talk about their goals and expectations
 - ii. Muddy 9/18 Adriana and Lena
 - b. Blindspots with Denise (TBD) - Charles D
 - i. [Email sent](#)