Agenda October 13th

Co-Presidents: Prash Prakash and Adriana Mitchell
Vice-President: Lena Downes
Treasurer: Daniel Miller
Social Chairs: Cadence Payne, Charles Oestreich, Björn Lütjens
GSC Representatives: Charles Dawson, Mycal Tucker, Jenny Gubner
International Chair: Maya Nasr
Webmaster/Social Media Chair: Charlotte Lowey
Intramural Sports Chair: Grégoire Chomette
Academic Chair: Soumya Sudhakar
Outreach/Diversity Chair: Chelsea Onyeador
GSC DEI rep: Lucy Halperin
dREFS liaison: Mycal Tucker
GWAE liaison: Jenny Gubner

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

Action Items

- All events need to be on the GA3 calendar. Do so by inviting [link removed] to your event!
- **Everyone** update on events they want to plan this fall along with some budget considerations [link removed]
- **Daniel** contact winners of survey raffle & town hall raffle
- **Daniel** check with Rosemary to make sure everything is worked out with CALL funding
- **Daniel** prepare for budget meeting
- **Co-Ps** bring up swag with department at budget meeting with Hamsa
  - tabled
- **Charlotte** put anonymous feedback form on GA^3 website
- **Lena** try to get clarification on social engagements vs events being allowed/not allowed by MIT
  - Not allowed :(
- **Soumya** try emailing Prof. Spakovszky's admin Robin to schedule lunch with grad chair event
  - Meeting Thursday to discuss potential event
Action Items from Town Hall (Notes are <link removed>)

- Collaborate with GWAE on solving dept harassment (Co-Ps & VP)
- Ask Beth to be clear on transition to MS/PhD funding (Co-Ps & VP)
- Brainstorm prof development events (Everyone & Academic Chair to take lead on brainstorm ideas for new professional development chair)
- Host CALL event about police defunding(?) (Diversity Chair & DEI Chair)
  - There is currently already an MIT-wide initiative looking to plan an event to discuss policing
  - Could do a CALL event on this, but it’s a delicate situation on making sure we’re not being too forceful with our views
  - This idea still needs some reworking
- Post-COVID student life discussion (Everyone Co-Ps & VP to take lead)
- 1 Social chair to help with international events (social chairs & international chair to brainstorm ideas)
  - We can try something in this term but we can implement more significant changes for next election cycle depending on what we find works
  - Having a social chair help with international social events would be helpful for international chair

GAAP Update:
1. GAAP mentor recruitment live
2. Sign up
3. Gotten funding to support 20-30 mentees, recruiting mentors
4. Funding for internationals- only available for those who aren’t already making max stipend (will be processed as supplemental fellowship of 10% maximum over standard stipend)
5. Will send email to aa-grad

Agenda
6. Committee Updates
   a. Co-P
      i. Need to schedule meeting (w other student leaders?) to discuss recommendations to dept based on survey & town hall
         - Collaborate with GWAE on solving dept harassment
      ii. Need to schedule meeting with dept heads to bring recommendations
      iii. Action item Co-Ps Ask Beth to be clear on transition to MS/PhD funding
   b. VP
      i. Post-COVID student life discussion,
         - Action item: ask Beth if there is conversation at the dept level about this
            a. Talk to Dave Darmofal about online learning(?)
ii. Feedback from form:
   ● Could GA^3 compare dept pulse survey to GA^3 survey results?
   ● Can GA^3 host inclusion events ie for Hispanic Heritage month, Black History month, etc?

c. International Chair
   i. 1 Social chair to help with international events (social chairs & international chair to brainstorm ideas)
   ii. Event idea- virtual international muddy with reimbursement for pizza
   iii. Generally struggling with low participation at international events
   iv. Hindi international chat - Prash can help
   v. International career event Thurs Oct 29 12-1:30PM
      ● Coordinating with JPL, ISO, grad student, Joyce Light to serve on panel, can’t get a faculty member to help. Oli de Weck offered to record a video and have it played (he’s not available during the event)
      ● Looking for international faculty perspective/advice

d. Treasurer
   i. Action item Daniel: Please schedule meeting w co-ps and vp to discuss budget (send a when2meet)
   ii. Action item Daniel: Then reach out to Hamsa to get on her schedule a meeting to propose budget
   iii. Action item Daniel: Please reach out to Victor from AIAA (vpr11@mit). AIAA have put in an order for sweatshirts for all undergrads. Please ask victor for a quote if we wanted to do the same and individually ship to each student (a function customink provides) before the budget meeting w Co-Ps and VP.

e. Social Chairs
   i. Movie night updates
      ● Björn got the legalities figured out
      ● Prime video option most feasible
         a. More inclusive in that everyone has free amazon prime through mit email
      ● Doing Zoom screen share works ok if the person sharing has good internet
         a. Action item: Charles O and Björn to try it out Zoom movie screen share
   ii. Board game night
      ● Action item Charles O determine details of board game night
   iii. Photo contest
      ● Losing steam. Extended deadline to get more submissions for Halloween
   iv. Halloween event
• Action item: Co-Ps need to follow up with AIAA on whether we could do a joint event
• Social chairs feel free to propose idea
• Sara Cody interested in collaborating on this
• Pumpkin carving event with reimbursements for carving materials and pumpkin
• Could do costume contest on zoom
• Action item: Charles O to take point on Halloween event

v. Seminar series:
• https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OoXV1H1WxOJHJ1M8wrXUVzbMbh4Up2fsPCOq-f3W8/edit?usp=sharing

vi. 1 Social chair to help with international events (social chairs & international chair to brainstorm ideas)

f. GSC Reps
i. GSC council meeting finished in record time last week. Then they spent 20 minutes talking about how short the meeting was.

g. Intramural Chair

h. Academic Chair
i. Lunch with Grad Chair?
• In planning process

ii. Book club?
• Action item Soumya: Need to talk to Daniel about budget for book club

iii. Fellowship event?
• Might not have enough time to plan this kind of event
• Most work would be in recruiting panelists and getting them to make a slide with fellowship info
• Side note- reps from each fellowship could be added to the guru list that we proposed to go on GA^3 website
• Soumya doesn’t have bandwidth to coordinate this kind of event until early November
• Any helpers available to assist in getting panelists?
  a. *crickets*
• Alternatively, start a slack convo on this to get people talking about fellowships, or send out last year’s recording (get recording from Aaron)
• Nix the event and focus on slack and recording
• Action item Soumya: start slack conversation on fellowships

iv. Brainstorm prof development event
i. Outreach/Diversity Chair
  i. CALL - Indigenous people’s day call event in 2ish weeks
   • What it means to be indigenous, applications to aerospace, cases of disrespect in the past
   • Do a raffle- let Chelsea know if you have any ideas for prizes
   • Host CALL event about police defunding?
ii. **Action item Chelsea: Please reach out to Willie from EECS**

j. **Webmaster**

k. **DEI Representative Updates**

   i. **Action Item Lucy: Please reach out to Willie from EECS**
   ii. Host CALL event about police defunding

l. **dREFS Updates**

m. **GWAE Updates**

   i. One thing that I wanted to bring up was that GWAE was talking about encouraging the department to do AIAA modeled awards for advising, teaching, and diversity. This came up because it seems like a few labs are having diversity related conversations, but these types of activities are not well known throughout the department. We were thinking it would be cool to have some incentives for labs and advisors to have these types of conversations/do other diversity related work within their labs. Would GA^3 be interested in taking the lead on this in terms of talking to the department and outlining the award? We can talk about this more later on too, GWAE will be reaching out to Denise and Beth to get a sense of engagement with this.
      - Maybe GWAE should ask department to do this
      - GA^3 doesn’t have the bandwidth

7. **Event Recap**-

   a. Fill in event reports! Upload final reports to Dropbox. <link removed>
   b. Amount spent? Number of attendees?
   c. **Town Hall 10/7**
      i. 35 attendees at max
   d. **Muddy 10/2 - Jenny and Charles O**
      i. Used gather.town, chaotic, not sure if better or worse, maybe had more attendees initially
      ii. A little more natural in terms of integrated games
   e. **Muddy 10/9 - Mycal and Greg**
      i. 10 Chewbacca submissions, 9-10 attendees, did a puzzle
   f. **Seminar 10/8 - Maya and Prash**
      i. 7-8 attendees. Cadence did Twitter seminar. Was meant to be interactive and casual but it was not- maybe it doesn’t work as well on Zoom
   g. **Spanish language lunch 10/13 Maya**
      i. 6 attendees. Was fun, but no one did the pinata activity or used the funding.
      ii. **Action item: Björn post slack poll with Maya’s+Björn’s availability to try to see if there is a better time for these events --**
         - Björn: no poll. maya already checked recurring lunch meetings and lunch is optimal time given distribution of ppl.
   h. **How to be an Anti-racist book club round 2 Charlotte**
i. No one showed up but Prash and Charlotte

8. Upcoming events-
   a. Muddy 10/16 - Lena and Lucy
   b. Muddy 10/23 - Björn and ____NEED VOLUNTEER____
      i. Action item: Maya and Björn find swaps on Whatsapp
   c. Seminar 10/20 - Charlotte and Daniel