Agenda October 27th

**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, Daniel, Cadence, Charles O, Björn, Charles D, Mycal, Jenny, Maya, Charlotte, Greg, Soumya  
Missing: Chelsea, Lucy

**Action Items**

- All events need to be on the GA3 calendar. Do so by inviting: [link removed] to your event!
- **Daniel** contact winners of survey raffle & town hall raffle  
- **Daniel** check with Rosemary to make sure everything is worked out with CALL funding  
- **Co-Ps** Ask beth to be clear on transition to MS/PhD funding  
  - Funding website has been updated  
- **Lena:** ask beth if there is conversation at the dept level about the new normal  
  - Not really, everything still uncertain  
- **Daniel:** Please schedule meeting w co-ps and vp to discuss budget (send a when2meet)  
- **Daniel:** Then reach out to hamsa to get on her schedule a meeting to propose budget  
  - Daniel is busy, will talk about scheduling with Co-Ps offline  
- **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.  
- **Charles O and Björn:** try out Zoom movie screen share  
- **Charles O:** determine details of board game night
Charles O will send interest form
- Date: within next few weeks. Should it be its own event or combined with Muddy?
- Some students prefer an event not on Friday night so this is worth having as a separate event
- Side note: do we still want to keep doing virtual Muddy? How is attendance?
  - Should we survey people to ask whether they want an event like this?
  - Maybe we should rethink the form but keep the same frequency
  - We should start noting how many GA^3 vs non-GA^3 attendees
  - Table this for next GA^3 exec team
- Conclusion: Charles O to have board game night as part of Muddy

**Charles O**: to initiate planning on Halloween event
- Do we want to do another virtual event given that AeroAstro dept had its own virtual Halloween event?

**Soumya**: start slack conversation on fellowships

**Chelsea and Lucy**: Please reach out to Willie from EECS

**Maya and Björn**: find your replacements for this week’s Muddy Friday

**Co-Ps and VP**: collaborate with GWAE on addressing dept issues with harassment
  - Had a meeting with GWAE
  - GWAE is taking the lead but we will support

**Soumya and everyone**: brainstorm prof development events

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**Agenda**

1. Committee Updates
   a. Co-P
      i. In person events <link removed>
         - Planning to hold a Halloween event this week/weekend (pumpkin carving, candy scavenger hunt?)
         - We will keep an eye on how this turns out and monitor to make sure that we aren’t spending too much money without doing something that non-CovidPass users can access
      ii. Everyone, look at ga^3 survey recommendations to dept heads and give feedback: <link removed>
      iii. Elections! Virtual voting
         - Nominations and Personal Statement due Dec 9th, Acceptance of nomination and optional nominated personal statement due Dec 11th, Voting commences Dec 14th, ends Dec 18th.
         - We should do an open exec meeting for people to come to and check out how GA^3 works and what we do
b. VP

c. International Chair
   i. Planning on doing a Thursday night international pizza Muddy sometime in November
   ii. Can attend the faculty meeting about election concerns, but how to make sure that we are not offending other political groups?
      ● Speak about our concerns, less about whether specific regulations should or shouldn’t exist
      ● GSC has a policy arm that bills themselves as nonpartisan but advocates in the interest of grad students. If something is bad for grad students then they decide to oppose it, not necessarily along party lines
   iii. Does anyone know someone who would be interested in being nominated for international chair next year? Keep this in mind

d. Treasurer
   i. Survey Winners: Prizes ordered
      ● Orders approved and sent
   ii. CALL Funding: GWAE took care of it
   iii. Budget Meeting: Met last week
   iv. Talk to Victor about AIAA Sweatshirts: Cost was $42/each
      ● We’ve already done some designs and surveys last spring and we will use that work
   v. Schedule Meeting with Hamsa: Still to do.

e. Social Chairs
   i. Movie night updates- Charles O and Björn
      ● Action item: set a date, test Zoom with movie
   ii. Recipe exchange
   iii. Magic show
   iv. Mixology night? Cadence to run during Muddy 11/20
   v. Board game night- Charles O
   vi. Photo contest- Charles O
   vii. Halloween event- Charles O
   viii. Seminar series:
      ● [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OoXV1H1WxOJ_HJ1M8wrXUVzbMbh4Up2fsPCOq-f3W8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OoXV1H1WxOJ_HJ1M8wrXUVzbMbh4Up2fsPCOq-f3W8/edit?usp=sharing)

f. GSC Reps
   i. Mycal- formalizing advisor commitments for students on leave (but I want to delay this)
      ● There aren’t guarantees that students can rejoin their lab/have funding when they come back from leave of absence, just verbal agreements
      ● Something to keep on our radar, not immediate action
      ● How frequently do people take leaves?
   ii. GAAP
      ● 28 mentors signed up
      ● Mentoring training happening this week
a. Hearing about what AeroAstro admissions process is like, how to give constructive feedback
   - Opening applications shortly after
   - Dept has allocated ~$1000 to compensate mentors

g. Intramural Chair
   i. Lots of teams playing (22 people), lots of wins

h. Academic Chair
   i. Meet the Grad Chair Virtual Coffee Time -- 11/19 @ 4pm, will be recorded; I'll be working on flyer/publicity this week and start advertising it next week.
   ii. Book club poll up for rec’s, I'll set up the poll to select the book/participation on Friday

i. Outreach/Diversity Chair

j. Webmaster
   i. Will update meeting minutes after this meeting

k. DEI Representative Updates

l. dREFS Updates
   i. [could be joint drefs & ga3] common pitfalls of graduate student life/how to survive your first year seminar series/is it just me: grad school edition
      - Time to vent/share frustrations
      - Tips on offloading stress
      - Timeline for thesis (for example) within aeroastro dept
      - Mycal will bring up to dREFS
   ii. dREFS going to talk to LAE about resources

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
      - GWAE wants to do this in coordination with GA^3, not GA^3 alone (with departmental support)
      - GWAE definitely has our support but unclear on how much GA^3 can support the organization of this
      - Tabled until after next GWAE meeting
2. Event Recap-
   a. Fill in event reports! Upload final reports to Dropbox. <link removed>
   b. Amount spent? Number of attendees?
   c. Chai masala lunch 10/26 Maya and Prash
      i. 7 attendees
      ii. Similar number to lunchtime but different people attended
   d. Muddy 10/16- Lena and Lucy
      i. 15-20 attendees for Among Us, people liked it
   e. Seminar 10/20 - Charlotte and Daniel
      i. Cider making session went well, people were interested, they like seeing something non academic
      ii. Cadence will bump seminar sign up so that people outside of GA^3 exec will maybe sign up
   f. Muddy 10/23- Mycal and Cadence
   g. CALL 10/23

3. Upcoming events-
   a. International Career Panel 10/29- Maya
      i. All speakers confirmed, will be recorded, Maya is moderating and will send reminder emails
   b. Muddy 10/30- Greg and Charlotte
      i. Greg thinking about pumpkin carving
      ii. GA^3 can reimburse pumpkins. Carving tools? Kitchen knife should be sufficient
   c. Muddy 11/6- Jenny and Charles D
   d. Seminar 11/5 6 PM - Soumya and Mycal
   e. Meet the Grad Chair 11/19 @4pm - Soumya