

3/18/22

Physics DEI Committee Meeting Minutes

Agenda:

Volunteer Leader: Anwasha Saha

Item	Topic Leader	Length
Approve previous meeting minutes	Anwasha	2 min
Suicide prevention workshop reminder	Eva	2 min
MLK speaker result	Eva	3 min
Status update Emmy Noether play	Cagliyan	5 min
Random walks update	Anwasha	5 min
Pre-defense meeting	Eva	8 min
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Breakout rooms		35 min

Resources:

Subcommittee Notes:

[Outreach Subcommittee Notes](#)

[Representation Subcommittee](#)

[Teaching/Research Subcommittee](#)

Link to shared google drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/0ABuw70T2rlqNUk9PVA>

Attendance:

Present: (20) Jennifer Ogilvie (chair), Cagilyan Kurdak, Ana Austin, Monique Wheeler, Eva Kraegeloh, Anwasha Saha, Claire Arneson, James Hackworth, Karen O'Donovan, Laura Rose Zichi, Lisa Minh Nguyen, Molly Long, Myron Campbell, Robert McGehee, Roy Clarke, Sikandar Hanif, Thomas Schwarz, Tim Chupp, Vanessa Sih, Jens Zorn

Meeting Minutes:

- Approve meeting minutes
- CAPS led suicide prevention workshop (Weiser Room 110 at 1pm)
- 2023 MLK Symposium speaker results
 - Received Google form results and the committee be reaching out to see if they are interested in participating
 - An honorarium of \$2,500 will be continued as a means to show how much the department is dedicated to DEI efforts
- Received adequate funds to host Emmy Noether play
 - Reserved a venue (600 seats) and have allocated funds for 3 hotel reservations on central campus
 - Must be a ticketed event, interested in involving MUTO
 - Portrait Theater Vienna will be sending over a contract with a request to be paid all travel costs in a lump sum
 - Willing to perform two shows for the same price as a single performance (in one day)
 - Would like to keep it free for audience but would have to have tickets because limited number of seats
 - Ana will connect Molly with Carol Rabuck who has experience advertising public events
- [Random Walk Survey](#)
 - No students showed up to the first walk and staff expressed interest in moving the walks from Friday to Wednesday
 - Interested in reaching out to Grad Council again for time approval to get more students involved
 - As of right now, Wednesdays 1-2 PM works best for walks
- Pre-Defense Meeting

- Teaching committee interested in adding an optional check for annual progress report for students to request a pre-defense meeting prior to their actual defense
 - Concerns that this will seem like another hurdle rather than an assistance opportunity and that there is already a variety of feedback opportunities
- Vanessa suggested creating an argument outline for our reasonings to possibly begin the process of adding the Pre-Defense
- Engineering and chemistry have required data meetings, anecdotally seems to be very helpful
- Would this be with prelim or final committee? (Final committee seems to be favored)
 - Prelim often has little to do with final defense
 - Prelim might be more of an “extra hurdle” than a data meeting?
- Varying student experiences in the program suggest we should do a more holistic approach when it comes to making a final decision
 - Talk about reaching out to Lauren from SSO
 - Student perspective: required meeting (not exam) would be good to not have burden on student to request it
 - Is it possible to test this for a year or so? See how many people would elect to have such a meeting?
- Received permission from Ford Motor company to expand Lecture funds (\$7000) to do outreach and benefit projects