3/18/22

Physics DEI Committee Meeting Minutes

Agenda:

Volunteer Leader: Anwesha Saha

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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:


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