

DEI Coalition Update

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The STEM DEI Coalition is an initiative Rachel and some other members of student DEI groups started last year. The STEM DEI Coalition had its first meeting last month, and will have one more before the year is over.

Who: Representatives from STEM department DEI committees across UM (Engineering and LSA). Currently we have representatives from more than 12 departmental DEI initiatives.

Why: To learn from each other and bolster the visibility and community of DEI within STEM fields

What: Currently planning to hold twice a semester meetings. Each meeting we decide on a topic (e.g. progress reports, prelim, peer mentoring, etc) to focus on. During the meeting, each group provides updates on their department committee, including challenges they might be facing. Together, we brainstorm improvements and share what initiatives were successful for the selected topic.

If anyone would like to attend one of these meetings or regularly represent the physics committee please email me at shumane@umich.edu and I'll add you to the list.