DeGroote Doctoral Students Association – DDSA Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 3, 2014 | 2:00pm | Faculty Lounge

Attendees
President, Alireza Tajbakhsh, alirezt@mcmaster.ca
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Social Director, Firat Sayin, sayinfk@mcmaster.ca
Secretary, Maheeya Mujib, mujibm@mcmaster.ca
Treasurer, Saeed Shekari, sshekari@mcmaster.ca
Communications Director, Vivek Krishnamoorthy, krishv@mcmaster.ca

Absent
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Note taker
Maheeya Mujib

Topic: Lunch and Learns
- November 2014 + February 2015
  - Teaching Experience during PhD Tenure [Alireza and Amir: communicating with the students who have had such experience and are available to share it]
  - Budgetary Workshop [Alireza: communicating with SGS]
- March 2015 or April 2015
  - Consultancy Market after Graduation [a panel including a Prof and a PhD student]

Topic: Research Day
- May 2015 [6 Presentations (at least 4 student presentations)]

Topic: Bowling Nights
- The first event: October 2014 [the last week]
- The second event: March 2015 or April 2015
- Financial Incentives from GSA and DDSA [Alireza: communicating with GSA] + [Amir and Firat: estimating costs and communicating with the bowling club] + [Firat: invitation email]

Topic: School of Business Meetings
- A brief report by Amir on the meeting hold on September 30, 2014 [Amir: attending the next meeting]

Topic: DDSA Social Nights
- Arranging the first Social Night in October 9th [Firat: invitation email]
- Booking the seats for the second Social Night in November 6th [Firat and Vivek: communicating with Phoenix Bar & Grill, online or by phone; they may book 20 seats in advance] + [Firat: invitation email]

Topic: DDSA Meetings
- Friday, October 3rd [Maheeya: elaborating minutes from the first meeting, receiving members’ feedback, and sharing the revised version with PhD Office for posting on the DeGroote’s website]
- Thursday, November 13th [Maheeya: coordinating the meeting’s time with DDSA members, booking a seminar room in DSB for one hour, sharing agenda, and reminder email]
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