

DeGroote Doctoral Students Association - DDSA

Thursday, November 19th 2008 3:00pm

Room DSB 227

Present: Akanksha Bedi, Nicole Wagner, Christa Austin, John Laugesen, Rahman Khokhar and many more...

1. Committee Updates
 - a. Selection of New Dean for DeGroote Business School
 - Dean Bates tenure expires June 2009 and a committee has been selected and Steven Way represents Doctoral students.
 - b. Graduate Student Association (GSA)
 - No one from doctoral students has shown interest to represent on GSA this year.
 - c. In order to enhance learning and exposure across all PhD students, it was proposed and agreed that in future multiple DDSA council members or PhD students should be encouraged to represent various committees rather than one person representing multiple committees.
2. DDSA web site
 - a. John is working with Carolyn to update the council members' information and upload meeting minutes.
3. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Nicole suggested the following:
 - A post-meeting briefing to Director PhD Program.
 - Circulate monthly meeting minutes to all PhD via e-mail.
 - Inform faculty and school about updates in DDSA.
 - b. From now on, Akanksha will brief Dr. Detlor whereas John will take care of the other two points.
4. Birthdays
 - a. John is waiting for the list of Birthdays from Carolyn and will send birthday e-mails for missed months (that is, Sep. to Nov. 2008).
 - b. John has been requested to send an e-mail to PhD students asking for a donation to raise birthday fund.
5. Yearly events
 - a. Nicole talked about preparing yearly schedule. Participants agreed to keep these events general and relevant to most PhD students.
 - b. Participants were particularly interested in a seminar that focuses on strategies to identify and explore job opportunities for PhDs.
 - c. Frances and John will work on soliciting ideas and organizing these events.
6. DDSA constitution review
 - a. Nicole also proposed a review of DDSA constitution.
 - b. John will request comments from PhD students and Christa will work on a preparing a revised constitution.

7. Recycling Bin in PhD Cluster

- a. John pointed out that janitorial staff does not segregate the recyclable garbage at collection and he will possibly discuss this with the janitorial staff.
- b. It was further suggested to have recycling bins for boxes, cans and bottles in PhD cluster. Again, John volunteered to follow-up on this issue with the people concerned.