DDSA Meeting

26 January 2010

Present: John Laugesen, Christa Austin, Andrew Carrothers, Jacky Ma

1. Social Events
   a. Monthly pub night – next one January 28, 2010
   b. Bulldogs game – Date set for February 27, 2010 (Saturday) against Rochester (John has sent out one email; will send follow-up to finalize headcount.)

2. John to issue summary of the DDSA accomplishments so far to ensure that everyone understands that the DDSA is more than just pub nights.

3. Lunch and Learns
   b. March – Christa to organize. – Tentative: Teal McAteer. Subject: Effective Teaching….. Details on “teaching Track” option.

4. Research Day – late April – logical extension to the lunch and learns… after exams and before comprehensives. Nicole has agreed to lead the planning for this day with help from the DDSA executive (and others)
   a. 8 to 10 presenters
   b. Invite profs (generally well attended)
   c. Opportunity to practice presentation skills, get feedback

5. Committee Representation
   a. Faculty Business Meeting –Steve W.
   b. Senate – Christa
   c. GCPC graduate curriculum policy committee – Akanksha
   d. GSA – FRC faculty representative council – Andrew
   e. Union Steward – vacant.

Other – At the Education Meeting, the group identified the need for: administrative support assistance, increase in conference attendance, and recruitment strategies for the PhD program. The senate committee update identified that there are 43 full time and 3 part time students in the DSB PhD program

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