

DeGroot Doctoral Students Association - DDSA

Wednesday November 14, 2007 12:00pm

Room 421

Present: Nicole Wagner, Huijin Guo, Akanksha Bedi, David Richards, Steven Way, Danny Chen, Rui Zhang, and many more...

Cake was shared to celebrate this month's birthdays.

1. Committee Updates

- a. Senate
- b. Graduate Council
- c. Business - change of course code
 - student representatives were asked to leave the meeting
 - follow-up question as to why determined that reason was for graduand approval
 - graduand approval occurs twice per year
- d. No reports from other committees

2. Guest Speaker

David talked about the guest speaker on Nov 8.

- if having guest speaker, can arrange parking pass in advance
- contact Carolyn Colwell to arrange pass
- refreshments may be arranged by contacting a chair of an area
- a small gift of thanks may also be given (mug, tshirt, etc.)
- a gift should be acquired from the business program office

3. Expert Guide

Dec. 15 is the deadline to submit the personal bio for the guide.

4. Activities suggestion.

Social events like picnic, potluck, and bowling suggested. We'll have a potluck on Dec. 19 tentatively

- Inquiry about room for potlucks, will try to get staff lounge
- PhD Chair approached to make sure staff lounge is acceptable
- question about job talks
- they occur when new staff are hired, but no new staff hired
- traditionally happens in HR, but PhD Chair will make sure happens with all areas
- new hirings next year will be in marketing/accounting most likely
- PUB NIGHTS will be held last Friday of each month as an ongoing event
- Other suggestions include bowling, nature hike/picnic, car rally, celebrations for thesis defense/journal publication

5. Hole punch follow-up

We have a new heavy-duty hole punch in the office now.

6. Cake

Celebrated birthdays of this month: David DGLISH and Mark Podolski