

DDSA Minutes

DeGroote Doctoral Students Association – DDSA Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 21, 2015

11:00 am

DSB 227

Attendees	Alireza Tajbakhsh, alirezt@mcmaster.ca Amirmohsen Golmohammadi, golmoha@mcmaster.ca Firat Sayin, sayinfk@mcmaster.ca Maheeya Mujib, mujibm@mcmaster.ca Saeed Shekari, sshekari@mcmaster.ca Vivek Krishnamoorthy, krishv@mcmaster.ca
Absent	None
Note taker	Maheeya Mujib

Topic: Lunch and Learns

- February 19, 2015 at DSB 505 between 12 to 2 p.m.
 - Dr. Benson Honig on "Conferences and Our Etiquette as Representatives of the DeGroote".
 - Deb's short info session on \$4000 Travel Grant
- March 2015
 - Managing Time and Stress: Proposed speakers are Dr. Ray and Dr. Baba
- April 2015 [1s week]
 - Consultancy Market after Graduation [a panel including a Prof and a PhD student]
 - Job Market Conferences: Proposed speakers is Mona Zanhour

Topic: Research Day

- April end, 2015 [last week; April 28-29 are booked (DSB 505)]
 - Possible speakers: Professors and PhD Students
 - Proposed extension of the event from a day long to two-day event depending on number of participants
 - Proposed topics: Big Data, Managing Student-Supervisor Relation, New Strategic Plan for DSB and Its Implications

Topic: Pub Nights

- Decided on the next possible dates: Feb 1st week and March 1st week
- Firat and Vivek will communicate the time and place

Topic: PhD student skill sets

- No further discussion

Topic: Other Subjects [Next Meeting]

- Next Meeting [March 2015]