

July 15 2019-1st Meeting

Graduate Student Orientation

- Research stream grads, for new and returning students
- New idea
 - A lunch or dinner that is RSVP for new students especially—a Welcome Dinner/Lunch
 - This would only involve new grads and replace the overall welcome back lunch for everyone
 - UTMAGs would show up as well to explain and socialize
 - For services talk
 - Generally 40-50 new grads each year
 - Perhaps in the Principle's House
- Conclusion:
 - Have enough funding for the overall BBQ orientation and the Welcome Dinner/Lunch
 - Preferably the Welcome is before the BBQ
 - Welcome would have to be scheduled for ~end of September because that's when CPS will have a complete list of students
 - BBQ would be around Sept 11 or 18

Three Minute Thesis

- RGASC will have a full-time position for grad life support
- Which will reduce demand for UTMAGs
- A lot of the work will be on Jessica
- It would be a UTM only competition and the winners would go on to the campus wide 3MT
- Conclusion
 - Towards early December (2 or 3), just before exams
 - UTM 3MT is a go

Keynote Speaker for GRC2020

- Looking for someone who can speak at a high level over a wide subject area
 - For example, the last speaker was a historian and had a PhD in physics
- Preferably research based talk

Concerns and Ideas

- Hold a networking event in conjunction with another grad event (GRC)
 - Mainly looking for people in industry and academics (each would have its own event) who are hiring now
 - Can bring Jessica into it
 - Office of the Dean is open to funding it
 - Would have to make sure the people invited would cover all the disciplines
 - Structure

- Both would happen in a day
 - The industry would be in the evening
 - The academic one would be in the afternoon
 - Have a panel first
 - Then break students into smaller groups assigned to each speaker
 - Bring in the Career Centre
 - Set up meeting
- Mental health
 - Yoga in the courtyard
 - Arts and craft in the grad lounge
 - Set up meeting to form a mental health committee
 - Ruth
 - Rodriguez
 - Cristina
 - Kraftcheck
- Social events
 - General turn out is pretty good
 - The only issue was the API turn outs
- Don't have an API director
 - Jessica would be a good person to take over that partially
- Monthly lunches with the Associate Dean
 - Perhaps start it again
 - Maybe just not as often
 - Maybe end of or middle of semester
 - As a breakfast in the grad lounge
- Grad lounge
 - Make grad lounge open to all grad students
- Proposals for graduate student research work shops
 - Last year was successful
 - Get grad students to submit what work shops they want to the Dean's office and then it'll be planned
 - At least one UTM faculty to put their name on the document
- Meetings with Dean's Office
 - Twice a semester
 - Once at the beginning of the semester
 - Once at the end of the semester