

DDSA Meeting

December 17, 2009

Present: John Laugesen, Christa Austin, Andrew Carrothers, Nicole Wagner

1. Social Events

- i. Monthly pub night – December 3, 2009 – successful and well attended
- ii. Bulldogs game – John/Jackie to choose a late January or early February date.
- iii. End of year lunch @ the 1280 – December 17, 2009.

2. DDSA funding

- i. John is meeting monthly with B Detlor. Agreement to provide funding to DDSA projects based on specific requests (eg. New fridge)

3. Lunch and Learns

- i. January – John to organize (choose topic, find a room and speaker, coordinate)
- ii. February – Christa to organize
- iii. March – Andrew to organize

Additionally, Christa is part of the DSB “Education Workgroup” that has tabled 3 proposals a) course evaluation b) id gaps c) provide workshops to fill gaps. Ultimately, the DDSA lunch and learns may be formalized into these workshops. In the interim we will proceed as above. At the very least, the DDSA has much to contribute in parts a) and b).

4. Research Day – 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)

- i. 8 to 10 presenters
- ii. Invite profs (generally well attendend)
- iii. Opportunity to practice presentation skills, get feedback

6. Committee Representation

- i. Faculty Business Meeting – John to confirm that Steve W. will do this
- ii. Senate – Christa
- iii. GCPC graduate curriculum policy committee – Akanksha

iv. GSA – FRC faculty representative council – Andrew

v. 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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