

Board of Directors Meeting 4-11-2018

- New Elections
 - Cameron will be moving away for some or all of the 2018-2019 school year
 - Anya is graduating soon, so the Vice President position needs to be filled as well
 - The grad lounge process has started in earnest, so shifting our activities to there and establishing a respectful and clean lounge use culture are critical for long term success
 - Spreading workload and interest around are critical to success and burnout prevention
 - **Filling** in gaps in Diversity and Masters Student Committees needs to happen before it gets forgotten
 - **Initiating** real programs with the Director of Outreach needs to begin in earnest as well (with an on-campus director preferably)
 - **Gradtalks** needs to be passed on the next generation - (Myles Silfies)
 - **We need to replace Pres, Vice, Secretary, and Upper and Under Classperson-Member at large positions and the GSO senators with willing and enthusiastic people (Dallas for one Senate position)**
- Grad lounge
 - We are getting one, and we don't need to "worry" about the purchasing or installation process, but we should monitor it and make sure Axel keeps our interests and needs in mind as purchases are made
 - Setting up rules and establishing a clean and respectful culture is paramount, otherwise it will end up like the old bridge lounge and Frank will give us a hard time
 - We should spend our own PGSA money on food for events in the lounge, as well as upgrades that the department would not consider funding
- T-shirts, etc.
 - A representative has reached out about providing T-shirts for our club - why not?
- Quiz bowl team
 - Dallas won the science quiz bowl recently, but had trouble forming a team to do so - we should add this as an annual task
 - We should also help with hosting the local high-school quiz bowls as part of our outreach efforts
- Funding
 - We should acquire our GSO departmental \$800 allocation (signatures tomorrow)
 - We should keep track of our remaining ~\$400 in PGSA allocation
 - We should spend it all before the end of this semester - primarily on initial grad lounge upgrades and fun things for us to have in there permanently - there are really no rules about what we can buy as far as I can tell
 - Fridge/freezer combo from target
 - Microwave
 - Posters

- Water boiler
 - More electronic dongle connectors
 - Honor System Marketplace
- Requesting donations for alumni is sketchy, but we can do it quietly as long as we don't make it look like any sort of official fundraising efforts
- Graduate Research Assistant Union
 - Emily Mandell (emilymandell@gmail.com) is spearheading getting the Graduate RA union back in action at SBU (it's similar to the faculty and TA unions, but for RF employees who are students too). There is a revitalization effort, primarily focused in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SOMAS), but we should try to join in with them and be pivotal in that effort.
- Working with the Alda Center
 - We have generally been negligent of our duties as science communicators, and SBU is world famous for its Alda Center for Communicating Science - we should partner with them, or at least make an effort to advertise their (free and short) courses to our fellow students
- We should talk to the Library about Physics Journal subscription cuts to figure out what is getting cut and what we should do to deal with it
- Two New General Body Meetings
 - Meeting (in place of or after an FAS) with the newly forming RA union
 - Meeting to elect new officials, and end of the semester pizza/movie party