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Present: Mark, Walter, Aadil, Joanna, Chelsea

Non-Voting: Diane, Danielle, Erik

Diane Workshops in Boston:

Focus on undergrad; there are not a lot of grad commons around the US but talked about what Grads want: quiet study space, place for meetings, .

We are probably physically smaller than others.

Consists of many individual workshops on programming, working with student employees, technology.

Some good ideas to go over with Danielle: scavenger hunts, wine tasting, golf/frisbee gold, networking reception, poetry slam, interdepartment dinners, family events, Skype interviews (workshops & space/gear), social media, podcasting.

This might be a good thing to send new programming people to.

Spring Fling.(4/27):

6-9pm. Walter got people to volunteer to help in the future. Get wine and hard liquor at . Not supplying full bar, but drinks for 2 signature drinks: sangria & white russians? Desserts and hard liquor / wine from Costco. Will try to do drinks that can be made in large quantity. How to encourage dressing up without discouraging attendance? "Dress to impress." Black & white movie on the side.

PhD Movie:

UCSC students can get discount to stream PhD Comics movie. Danielle will include the coupon code in the next big e-mail.

Grad Division:

Move to Grad Division is happening this quarter. Yay. We are going to wait to make permanent staff changes at a later date.

Are waiting to hear back about funding GSR next year (to hire replacement Spring of next year).

Art Show:

Sent out an e-mail offering to hang individual's artwork (not over mural).

Will require signing a waiver.

May First Friday:

We still want to have this.

Danielle:

Want to record audio from workshops and put them online. Looking into buying microphones and Diane will check with media services. May want to have it be password/IP-protected.

Do we want to spend \$1600 + hotel for someone to give a half-day dissertation workshop? Seems like a lot of money for something only 10 students may attend. It's important to keep in mind that few science grads will be interested.

Conflict in classrooms, stress/time workshops

GSA and Grad Div sponsoring May 15 @ 5pm religious diversity in grad school.

Travel Grants:

All Fall grants have been paid out. Winter grants have been awarded.

Website:

Want to redesign website. Will try to get Brett to come to part of a meeting to discuss. Remind people closer to next meeting to criticize website.

Want to get career center etc to link to our page & vice versa.

Link to facebook photos.

GSCGB Membership:

Limit of number of voting reps per division? Number of students is: Engineering (330), Arts (60), PBSci (450), Humanities(170), Social Science (440).

E-mail reminder before next meeting.

Summer Programs:

Social over the summer? GSA did this once. Off-campus stuff the best: beach BBQ, first Fridays at a bar/pub, wine tasting.

More Homework:

How did the Commons do with various programming?

Analyze the "State of the Commons".

Goals for next year?