

QoL Meeting Minutes

Chaired by Greg Engel (gsengel@fas.harvard.edu) in Mb217

February 4, 2004 at 12h

1 QoL Chairmanship

Greg Engel is going to share the chair position with Patrick Charbonneau from the Reichman group from now on.

2 Pairing the visiting G0s with current students

Jason Burch, John Rearick, Greg Engel and Kelly will take care of organizing the two weekends: March 12 and March 19.

There is a large quantity of visiting females and thus some women had to take more than one and some first-years as well. Thanks to that extra effort. If any pairing causes problem (time conflict or other), please contact Greg Engel and a different pairing will be examined.

Mentors should contact their mentees by email right now for the continental US and after Friday for the others. The email should congratulate the student, introduce the mentor, offer to be a contact for questions, and share the excitement of being at Harvard.

3 Health issues

UHS/mental health issues will certainly be addressed after publication of *The Crimson's* article. The QoL will follow up on this.

The dental plan coverage is seen as inadequate for the students and it is unlikely that the department would be interested in this issue. The optional plan offered by UHS is not very good. Maybe a list of resources should be established. BU gets guinea pigs for its dental school at a good price for BU (and MIT) students, but it might not be offered to Harvard. Massachusetts has a plan for lower income families and for which students might be eligible, due to the height of their stipend.

Meeting adjourned at 12h50.

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