

QoL Meeting Minutes

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in Mb-217

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1 Course Offering Letter to Dean Ellison

The QoL letter to Dean Ellison was sent a couple of weeks ago. No official response has been received yet but we are expecting something in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, the letter been circulating amongst the CCB faculty. There is hope that the situation will be addressed in a near future. Thanks to all who helped with the write up.

2 G_0 Visits/Hosting

Anneka came to talk about the March 11 and 18 visiting weekends. Courtney Yuen volunteered to work jointly with her on organizing both weekends. Ideas for Friday night outings are welcome! New this year, a poster session will be held the Friday afternoon, right before dinner. The front office is in charge of organizing it. The spending limits are

Dinner : 40\$/ G_0

Lunch : 20\$/ G_0

The same budget applies to *one* host per visiting student.

Around 65 students were accepted this year. Pairings of G_0 s to hosts were made. Hosts are expected to get into email contact with their visiting student in the coming week. They should first congratulate them on their acceptance and offer to answer questions they might have. Also, if possible they should try to coordinate with the student's arrival. The organizers will contact the hosts with more details concerning the schedule as the visiting weekends approach.

3 Library Survey

The results of the survey on the CCB library/VWR stockroom were compiled by Matt Schiffler. A total of 256 graduate and post-doctoral students responded. In general, results indicated a wide support to maintain both services active. Detailed results will be made available on the QoL website in the coming days. Also, QoL will write a letter to the faculty summarizing the student's opinions based on the surveys.

4 Prof. Holm Discussion Seminar

The last stages of the planning process for a graduate student discussion group are taking place. Anirban Banerjee is in charge of the logistics of it. The meetings should begin next week and be held generally on Thursdays from 13h to 15h. There might still be a few remaining places. An email with more information will be sent to the graduate students in the coming hours.

5 Career Seminar

The next career seminar will take place on February 17, at 15h. Yisroel Eric Brumer will be talking about his experience as a AAAS fellow in the Department of Homeland Security.

Meeting adjourned at 13h.
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