

Attendees: Kailey, Ray, Meredith, Betsy, Christy

Winter term meetings:

- Ray: no evenings and no Tuesday mornings
- Meredith: no 10 or 3 MWF
- Kailey and Christy p much wide open
- Lara: no Mondays
- Betsy: free Fridays and Wednesday afternoon

Wednesdays at 12 or 1?

Elections:

- Need to have blurbs for people running submitted by February 21st
- Build election thing week of the 24th, open March 2nd-13th
- Announce March 16th
- Photos can create bias, but people don't know us so it would be good
 - o We'll do one in a draft and then decide whether we publish it or not
 - o Announcement email should have it, but maybe not for the actual voting portal
- Start advertising week 3 of winter term for people to come up with a blurb for elections

Diversity event January 22nd

- Ray already made a poster! It's dope, they will print and distribute this week
- We should have it open to everyone, not just grad students; need to run by Michelle but probably not going to be an issue

Writing workshop?

- Troy has good resources, Betsy talked to her about getting some of those and she was down
- What would we want though? Need to narrow it down
- How to approach in a manageable way, creating a daily writing habit, prioritizing sections/order, Troy's personal approach to writing, tips n tricks, her top three tips she'd like to pick for us, tips for writer's block, how to make publishable, different forms of theses (manuscripts, etc.)
- Let's propose February, either before or after Week 5 to avoid midterms
- Could also tie into grad student workshop center; grad school could be a good resource here because they put on similar workshops
- Betsy will follow up with Troy and contact graduate school

Service-based event around food drive

- Kira talked to Jessica Fitzmorris, got the name for the person at LB county food share; Kira can call them if we want to commit to going to the food pantry and helping out there
- Tie in with IFSA and Psi; college-wide event?
- Contact the food share and see how many people they would want to show up because too many people may be excessive
- There will be a calendar coming out with what is planned for the food drive
- Rent a van, go over on a Saturday for this

- No RSVPs, just get a couple vans and don't get charged if we don't use it
- Any weekend in February would work; let's try for the weekend of the 8th or 22nd or 29th

Organize mentorship thing for March

- There's going to be money for someone to have an undergrad mentor paid over the summer
- Need to figure out what the application will look like for grad students and for undergrads

Spring events!

- If we want to bring in a speaker, we need to start thinking about that soon
- Everyone think of someone we could ask
- Looking for a diverse person in a forestry related field: work, experience, mentorship, diverse perspectives
- DEI could get involved here
- May 12th opening day for new Peavy; indigenous representation and blessing of facility/site, maybe we could tie into this or borrow a speaker
 - o Traditional ecological conference after with lots of speakers; maybe we could sponsor one of those people (not with money, introduce speaker, etc., talk to Chris Dunn)
 - o Later in this week, annual salmon bake etc. at the longhouse goes down, so there is a lot of indigenous cultural events
- Robert Sanchez: forest supervisor for Siuslaw NF; lots of experience in forestry, not sure about experience talking about diversity but he is a diverse person
- Sponsor panel component followed by workshop; but would be less focused on grad mentorship and more so on DEI
- Let's keep brainstorming people and come back to this week 1 of winter term
- Christy knows Chris Dunn, maybe we could invite him to a meeting later on
- April: TREEvia, need to iron out a date

Kira: GSC website is in a holding pattern in the new format at the moment

- Looks p good but a little text heavy
- Kira may bring the person who was editing the website to the next meeting/one next term

Furniture

- They will do a walkthrough in Snell and Strand of what will stay and go; people can claim things it sounds like
- Chelsea asked if they could share that info with FERM grad students so they can go claim furniture as well
- Misty and Angela of FES and WSE will also be able to go in and claim furniture
- Sounds like Chelsea, Misty, and Angela are who we should contact about getting this furniture to grad students
- If things aren't claimed it will just go to the people coming from Fairbanks building (they are renovating their stuff)
- They are beginning tagging furniture, etc.
- Old stuff that needs to go: put in a request to surplus
- We don't want it to be open to everybody because that's a lot of traffic

- Furniture claiming won't happen for another couple months (March?); but they are moving the furniture over spring break
- Interested in: desks (FES has tons of these though), monitors (contact helpdesk), chairs
 - o Have people opt in for what they want; we could also just redistribute things from FES to wood science
 - o Then when Misty and Angela go look, they'll know how much they need of what materials
 - o Betsy will talk to Misty and Ray will talk to Angela
- We could make a nice little checklist of name, office location, check which items you need
- Not sure if we can decide if we move things between offices; surely, we can figure out who decides all this and we can get an inventory/redistribution going on

Other ideas

- Fish and Wildlife GSC did a fundraiser at squirrels (for a scholarship and money for the year)
 - o That was cool maybe we should do that? We have money but seems fun
 - o Maybe we could collab, Ray is roommates with an officer
- Plug into other groups (hydrophiles, pyros)
- The grad coordinators in the departments are interested in what we have to say; maybe every few meetings we could invite them to the meetings, and they can stay up to date

Mentorship

- Some sort of reward system to motivate people to want to do this
- Hang and talk about grad school? Work training? Case by case basis?
- Have what people want to get out of this on the applications
- Kira can dig up the old applications, so we at least have a starting point
- Kailey can come up with a few versions of how we can match people; informal, formal, what have you
- Tracking methods to see about hours and get feedback about whether mentorship is going well on both sides
- Volunteer during year, paid in the summer?
- Can they receive class credits (independent study), but then they are kind of paying for it...
- Maybe: mentees apply, and find people who match with them to mentor them
 - o Different application for each party would probably make most sense
 - o Disclaimer on grad student one saying we may not be able to match you, etc.