2nd Quarter FGSA Meeting

Date: Monday, May 16, 2016
Time: 11am EST

Bluejeans call information:

Action Items:
1) Ask Ruth for current status of budget (done)
2) Anashe will form a committee to take a look at APS Careers website and brainstorm ideas/speakers for “live” webinars (done)
3) Krista will contact Holly/Danielle/Andrea to figure out how to print newsletter (done)
4) Danielle/Andrea will build a standard structure for newsletter in Latex
5) Danielle (and possibly Julia?) will think about starting a science writing competition for grad students-- we could even possibly offer cash/travel fund/FGSA membership rewards for winners.
6) Hannah will work on getting website updated (Krista will send info for Anashe and Lucas, as well as names of people on committees) (done)
7) Krista needs to figure out why Anashe and Lucas STILL aren't on the fgsaexec email distribution list… (done)
8) If anyone has any climate survey question ideas, definitely send them along.

Attendance: Hannah, Krista, Anashe, Julia, Danielle, Josh, Ruth Barrera

Regrets: Val, Andrea, Cathleen, Joy, Nick, Lucas

Agenda/Minutes:

1) Review of the year:
   a)  2016 March Meeting--Krista
      i) Went pretty well!
         (1) Speaker 1 - role as a NASA scientist, collaboration experience
         (2) Speaker 2 - Amy Flatten APS international affairs director
            (international collaborations)
         (3) Speaker 3 - Bob Laheny cancelled (family reasons), Amy Flatten
            found a replacement (Mike Lebelle - APS policy)
         (4) Moderated panel discussion with three speakers
      ii) FGSA participation in the student reception
      iii) For next year: more advertising! Facebook etc, maybe have people RSVP
           on facebook?? To have an idea
b) 2016 April Meeting -- Julia
   i) Session went great (had a last minute replacement speaker), good
      questions, engaged attendance
   ii) FGSA leadership participation on “Lunch with the Grads” panel
   iii) For next year: more advertising, try to increase attendance, maybe have
      advertising subcommittee on program committee, in combo with
      webmaster

c) 2016 APS Council Meeting -- Julia
   i) Kate Kirby commissioned a subgroup to do a study on LGBT physics
      community - results presented
      (1) Forum on diversity & inclusion, may be voted on in next sessions
   ii) Harassment statements discussion -- looking for a code of
      conduct/standard procedure for addressing allegations (no vote)
   iii) Julia has literature on some of the topics

d) Q1 and Q2 Travel Award -- Josh
   i) Smaller number of applicants than last year, generally went very smoothly
   ii) A few people to the Nobel Laureates meeting, also to APS meetings,
      questions that were in FAQs
   iii) APS is in transition, upgrading application system (head’s up) will be
      relevant for CAM

e) Current status of the budget - Ruth (Krista will follow up)

f) CCPD recap -- Anashe
   i) Committee on careers and professional development
      (1) Looking at clicks on APS website, interviewing and careers page
      doesn’t get a lot of hits - do we have input? APS.org > click on
      careers in physics
      (2) IMPACT Program - mentorship program, he wants an FGSA page
      link, someone will contact Krista about it
      (3) FGSA subcommittee on improving that site? Anyone interested?
      (4) Setting up webinars on careers--launch in Fall


g) APS Bridge -- Anashe
   i) Jan 2017 Bridge/ grad education meeting -- for students in Bridge
      programs or faculty involved in these programs
   ii) Last meeting focused on many topics with everyone together, this time
      separate students and faculty in parallel sessions
      (1) More discussion format
   iii) Focus--imposter syndrome, conflict resolution, etc.
   iv) Small schools are shutting down physics departments -- many of these
      “B-minus” students are more diverse than larger, higher tier programs
   v) How can non Bridge programs help underprepared students get into grad
      school?
h) Newsletter--Danielle
i) Not printed yet, but finished and sent to Kerry Johnson and expecting maybe a month timeline? (it's been almost two months, no responses)

ii) Putting it on the website (needs a nice looking format)

iii) Building standard structure (LaTeX), list of instructions

iv) How many newsletters a year? 4? What should they contain? FGSA updates but also relevant articles (advisor relationships, dealing with harassment, etc) More ideas:
   (1) Contact in-the-news physicists for advice
   (2) Work-life balance for graduate students
   (3) How to handle harassment issues
   (4) Introductions of officers
   (5) Contemporary topics

v) Writing competition -- large undertaking but could be a really great opportunity to run and for grad students to apply (and just generally good skills for grad students)

2) Upcoming efforts:
   a) Climate survey update -- Val
   b) Formation of nomination committee -- Val
      i) Need two candidates per position -- start early for rustling up candidates
      ii) People interested in this committee:
   c) Travel Award Q3 -- Josh
      i) Application period ends June 20th
   d) 2017 March and April Meetings-- Nick
      i) Program committee is set up and will meet in end of May
   e) CAM2017 -- Krista (chair)
      i) 9 people helping plan!
      ii) Theme: physicists of the future: transcending boundaries (avoid specific scientific themes) open to all kinds of boundaries
      iii) Looking at dates 8/9/10 - 2017, writing up NSF proposal, contacting Canada/Mexico
   f) CCPD/FGSA Webinars -- Anashe
      i) How to create a resume for industry job vs CV
         (1) Crystal Bailey is interested in getting this together and needs a timeline on when we want this by
         (2) FGSA careers subcommittee, chaired by Anashe
      ii) Postdocs in Industry
         (1) They loved this idea, Crystal will talk to Ray Beausoleil who is a distinguished lecturer about doing a webinar on this
      iii) Timeline - webinar per semester? Let's try to get one in the fall and one in the spring