

NPAC Meeting
2/13/17
1:30-2:30pm
EH 1101

In attendance: Emily Pechar, Lydia Greene, Ryan Peabody, Cathy Chamberlain, Katy Hansen, John Gardner, Joanna Blaszcak, Chelsea Clifford

- I. Guest: Diego from DICE (how PhD students can get involved in diversity initiatives)
 - Represents DICE and Black & Latinx Club
 - Getting PhD students involved in DICE - want to get PhD students on these boards and engaged with the faculty group "Actionators"
 - Goals for next year:
 - Have a specific person on NPAC who is the "Diversity Liason" - part of responsibility is to serve on DICE and get more PhD students engaged in DICE
 - Hold a diversity event at orientation
 - Create a database of financial aid for diverse students, women, military veterans (put on website?)
 - Create a diversity statement? Look back at mission statement, mentorship
 - Links to inclusion organizations on new website
 - NPAC will sign a letter in support of diversity being a priority in the Dean search (DICE is drafting and leading this)

- II. Updates:
 - A. ESP Faculty update (see notes sent out by Katy Hansen)
 - B. Strategic Planning update
 - No update
 - C. Meeting with Dean
 - We are officially submitting a budget through NSSC - budget will go directly to Dean, however
 - Consider getting a PhD student on NSSC? Maybe combine with the DICE person?
 - Send Dean a budget for the rest of the year and for next year by end of the month
 - Currently coordinating with Nancy Kelly to get NPAC listed as an NSSC student group
 - D. Budget for next year
 - 2017-2018 Budget
 - a) NIC-VIC - \$250 at one event
 - b) Career? -\$250 to \$500 for one event
 - c) Small grants - TBD
 - d) Symposium - \$10,000 (make sure to itemize, or note the things where costs could be reduced)

- e) Orientation - \$1,300
- f) Social - \$1,000 for end of year banquet
- g) GAS - \$1,200
- h) Marine Lab?

III. Initiative Updates

- A. NIC-VIC (Stephanie, Joanna, Lauren, Justin & Katy)
 - Shift in focus away from active matching of MEMs and PhDs. More of a role of helping to make the connections between interested parties (amalgamate the resources for these connections, instead of creating a new effort)
 - Talk to Charlotte to request that MEMs in the MP class fill out the spreadsheet, then send out to PhD listserv
 - Create a resources tab on the website for ways that PhD students could integrate with the MEM students ** Goal to have by the end of the semester
 - B. Small Grants (Tess & Seaver)
 - Funding for spring semester release is approved
 - Releasing the application call now
 - Will leverage the DGSs of the applicants as reviewers
 - C. Career (Kendra & Corrie)
 - D. Symposium (Anna & Ryan P.)
 - Discussion on how big to make it
 - Prepping two different plans - a "big" plan (about \$10,000) including outside speakers, and a smaller plan that is just internal
 - Jeff Vincent wants to make this a priority. Anna and Ryan will ask Jeff about his plans and how we can coordinate
 - E. Marine Lab Connectivity (Alejandro, John Gardner, & Brad D.)
 - No updates - does this still need to be an initiative?
 - F. Website (Chelsea & Cathy)
 - New website launching! sites.nicholas.duke.edu/npac
 - More on the public Nicholas School page
 - C&C will be sending an email about how initiatives can add in their information, pages, and resources
 - NPAC wiki?
 - One person should be in charge of the website and/or Wiki next year
- IV. Other Business:
- A. Elections- Will begin in March. We will send a survey asking for nominations, then another survey following up for voting.