

GSA Meeting Minutes
October 07 2015

- Committee Briefing:
 - Curriculum Committee = attended faculty meeting - summer funding model, 3-year plan, joint Physics major, graduate student survey, and new classes discussed. New survey will be made to be more general, less specific class listings offered. Also reminded to e-mail Kathy Kruger if students want to take Hitchman's middle atmosphere seminar.
 - Outreach Committee = there will be a booth at the Wisconsin Science Festival at the WID on Friday October 23rd, from 9AM - 2PM. Zach Handlos sent out a google spreadsheet to get volunteers to sign up.
 - Social Committee =
 - Haunted House/Walk activity proposed, many interested; price will be ~\$20 but group rates might make that lower. Shooting for Oct 16th or 17th.
 - Forecasting Competition among graduate students: predict the day Lake Mendota is frozen over, first day of snowfall (Dane County airport must accumulate 1 inch)
 - Reminder that Broomball will be held again this year, possibly more intramurals
 - Seminar Committee = proposed changes to Wednesday seminars to allow graduate students to give practice talks and get feedback from peers
 - Welcome Committee = waiting on the AMS travel grant recipient
- Joe Nettesheim will act as liaison with undergraduate AMS group; we will ask one or more of their officers to attend a GSA meeting in December, maybe more meetings; GSA wants involvement in planning the Solstice Party for 2016.