GSA Meeting Minutes October 12 2016

- First-year graduate students sign up for committees (except for the the graduation and awards committee)
- Joe Nettesheim will continue to serve as undergraduate liaison
- Outreach committee needs to elect chair internally
- Committee Briefings:
 - <u>Welcome Committee:</u>
 - AMS travel award has a lot of funding to recruit new students
 - First-year graduate students can't take advantage of this
 - <u>Colloquium Committee:</u>
 - If interested in inviting people, join this committee: talk with Melissa Breeden or Brian Zimmerman
 - Part of the committee is hosting speakers for coffee and lunch and is great for networking, especially one-on-one
 - Faculty Liaison:
 - Pay raise for 50% appointment RA's starting summer 2017
 - Pao Wang is retiring so they are planning a seminar and party for him
 - Kathy Kruger is also retiring but gave 3 months notice
 - Seminar Committee:
 - Filled up talk spots for the semester
 - Today, there was a graduate student research opportunity seminar
 - More seminars geared toward graduate students in the future
 - <u>Curriculum Committee:</u>
 - Nothing new to report
 - Social Committee:
 - Picnic Point gathering occurred recently and was a success
 - No current plans
 - Might host a Christmas party
 - Will be making a Facebook page for GSA invite friends