

GSA Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2018

- Committee updates
 - Welcome committee
 - Successful AMS recruitment where there was a lot of interest in our department
 - Prospective students will begin visiting next month so look out for invites to lunch and dinner meetings, typically on Mondays
 - Colloquium committee
 - Full schedule of talks especially with the faculty interviews
 - Would like to train a new person for the committee since Melissa is graduating soon - Brian Zimmerman!
 - Social committee
 - Christmas party had a good turnout, happy hour should be/was attended
 - Please suggest more ideas!
 - Outreach committee
 - No updates
 - Faculty liaisons
 - Nothing to note from the previous faculty meeting
 - Brian will be a temp liaison for this semester
 - Department seminar
 - Also a full schedule with three faculty interviews in February/March
 - Recruitment committee
 - Visits start February 4, a total of seven
 - There will be a pizza lunch for grad students with each of the visiting faculty. This is the only real time for interaction with them so PLEASE SHOW UP so we can give feedback
- Orders of business
 - Qualifying exam survey
 - Faculty have not had feedback on the qual in nine years(!) so this could have an impact
 - Two surveys, one for those who have taken the qual and one for those who haven't
 - Please keep your answers professional and answer by Tuesday!
 - Broomball
 - A signup sheet was passed around, contact Andrew if you are still interested
 - Formation of graduation committee
 - Alyson, Jess and Andrew
 - Solstice party skit
 - Melissa will be coordinating, contact her with any/all ideas
 - Solstice party is February 23, check email for details