

GTAAN Meeting Notes (November Meeting)

Student Center, Peachtree Rm., 11:30-1:00, 11/16/2016

Welcome & Introductions, Wes Kirkbride, GTAAN President

- Introduction of 1st time GTAAN attendees
- Overview of the open VP of Assessment position
 - Responsibilities
 - Length of term
 - Timeline for replacement/election
- Laura Dowson self nominated; Second by Leslie Ross
- Review of future meeting dates
- Reminder of upcoming Holiday Social

Announcements

- Open advising position in ISYE (Dawn Strickland)
- Inquiries from incoming Spring transfer students: if they contact Beth Spencer, she may reach out to advisors for instructions on how to connect students with their new departments (Beth Spencer)
- Graduation Volunteers: The Registrar's staff seek help at the commencement sessions (Omar)
- Math updates: Transfer students should still need linear algebra credit (Enid Steinbart)
- Prestigious Fellowships: The internal deadlines for Goldwater applicants has been pushed back to 12/08 (Shannon Dobranski on behalf of Kathryn Meehan)
- Best Practices Planning Committee: please volunteer to serve—this is a great professional development opportunity open to all (Wes Kirkbride)

STAR Program, Dana Hartley

- STAR = Students' Temporary Assistance and Resources
- We opened the presentation with a quick activity featuring students' stories
- Purpose of presentation: make sure we are aware of resources on campus, as well as the needs of our students (who are often invisible or dealing with feeling very "different" from their peers)
 - ~15% of GT students experience food insecurity
 - ~10% acknowledge they need help
 - ~3% actually ask for help
- Approach to use with students: "If you know someone who needs this ..." rather than putting them on the spot or making them uncomfortable
- After overview of program and resources, time for Q & A
- Attendees received buttons and flyers

Updates: Academic Calendar and Classroom Scheduling Taskforce (Steven Girardot and Joe Hughes)

- Provided an overview of new scheduling goals and policies and procedures
- Presentation was an adaptation of those done for the broader campus
- Academic Advisors were included in the planning phase
- Effective class scheduling is a degree completion strategy for Georgia Tech
- Advisors, especially those who also do course scheduling, are encouraged to provide Steven Girardot with feedback

Panel: Presenting at Conferences (Wes Kirkbride, Shanta Hutchins, Brandon Pottebaum, Fran Buser, Beth Spencer)

- Panelists discussed their experiences presenting at conferences, including submitting proposals, preparing presentations, and even serving on conference planning committees
- The following questions were addressed by all panelists:
 1. How did you become interested in presenting?
 2. What was your presentation topic?
 3. How did you select your topic?
 4. What were the logistics of presenting at the conference (how did you sign up and how did you prepare?)
 5. What was the experience like? What did you learn?
 6. What further advice would you have for GTAAN members interested in presenting at a conference?
 7. What other professional development activities have you been involved in (or seen other people become involved in) besides presenting at a conference? (Example: joining conference planning committee, Toastmaster's, winning fulbright scholarship, etc)
- The audience had time to add their own insights
- Q & A followed

Wrap up

- Everyone was reminded to complete the survey
- Next event: Holiday party (TH, Dec. 8, 4-6 pm in the Peachtree Room)
- January meeting: 01/25/17; topic is professional development