Agenda - PhD Committee meeting
April 11, 2017
11:00 – 12:30 am
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1. Updates
   a. Admissions and acceptances
   b. General exams
   c. Spring funding

2. Old business
   a. PhD Committee mission statement - see below and google doc ahead of mtg
   b. Funding - draft letter to Resat with ideas to support PhD funding - see below

3. New business:
   a. Student assessments - see APRs and QPRs on catalyst. Please read ahead of mtg.
   b. Covering required courses - see below

2a. PhD Committee mission statement
Last meeting we discussed the mission statement and related issues. The revised draft is here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FqvnTIVEGX5iGmUid7xZGBLXwlxpmL9Mo5NsFwrXCUo/edit?ts=58ba92f6
It would be nice to finalize and vote on this statement during this April meeting so that we can move on to other business.

2b. Funding
Last meeting we decided to disband the funding reconnaissance sub-committee. At the same time, we created a list-of-things-to-request-to-Resat sub-committee. The LoTtRtR sub-committee will be comprised of the same members as the funding reconnaissance. The items that were considered to include in a memo to Resat include:
   - Invite PhD students to donor attended activities- to get more face time for the PhD program
   - Invite PhD students to speak at Jackson Board things- same purpose as above
   - TAship(s) for PhD students to work with task-force and/or PhD students to attend task-force activities or dinners.- could fund PhD students with task-force money AND undergrads could really benefit from interaction with PhD students and all their experiences.

3b. Covering required courses

PhD Classes 2017-2018
- 594- Saadia Pekkanen
- RT fall- Nathalie Williams
- RT winter- no one- wait until new hires
- RT spring- Jeff Begun
- LRG- Stephen Meyers
- PVS- Daniel Bessner
- SMS- Scott Radnitz as placeholder- wait until new hires
- RCC- Vanessa Freije

Existing course committees:
- RCC: Cabeiri Robinson, Jim Wellman, Christian Novetzke

People who have taught field seminars in the past:
SMS: Robert Pekkanen, Edgar Kiser (SOC), Scott Radnitz, Scott Radnitz or Robert Pekkanen

LRG: Hilary Soderland (LAW), Hilary Soderland (LAW), Stephen Meyers, Stephen Meyers

PVS: Daniel Chirot, Daniel Bessner, Daniel Chirot, Daniel Bessner

RCC: Jim Wellman, Christian Novetzke, Christian Novetzke, Vanessa Freije

594: Saadia Pekkanen, Resat Kasaba, Saadia Pekkanen, Resat Kasaba

595 Research design: Saadia Pekkanen, Saadia Pekkanen, Saadia Pekkanen, Nathalie Williams

595 Qual: Saadia Pekkanen, Steve Pfaff (SOC), Steve Pfaff (SOC), Steve Pfaff (SOC)

595 Quant: Matthew Barreto, Nathalie Williams, Nathalie Williams, Jeff Begun