

## **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
- TAs(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