Present: Stephanie Juice (SJ), Xiao Xiao (XX), Rezwana Zafar (RZ), Ariana Cano (AC), Jessica Espenshade (JE), Sarah Pears (SP), Peter Euclide (PE), Bess Perry (BP)

-Meeting with Dean/Allan
-Faculty Meeting
-Mini-grant
-Supplies
-Communications-Facebook
-Social Chair

Meeting Next Friday with Dean Mathews, Allan Strong, and Kimberly Wallin
-Kitchen
-Grad lounge
-Transportation between Spear St. and Main Campus

The grad lounge is infrequently used.
-The computers may mostly be used by people who forgot their computers
-The quiet for writing is valuable
-Lets think big
-Microwave? Echo might have an extra one
-Cleaning up other peoples mess
-Maybe the space is not working for us
-There was once a bigger grad lounge and it was used frequently

And one purpose of this meeting is to assess how grad students fit in

Faculty Meeting

RZ: Yesterday’s faculty meeting was dominated by undergrad changes and IBB, but they also talked about the new Master’s professional-research model. There was a lot of scrambling. As of now, they don’t think that the new sustainable leadership will be immediately profitable. Possibly a change in the page limit for comprehensive exams. Improving the structure for finishing within two years. Masters and PhDs at the same symposium? Gund Slam on Nov. 20th at ECHO.

Supplies

Rez took care of replenishing supplies, cleaning up the stock, etc. Seems like we’re good on supplies.
Mini-grant

Who should take responsibility for this? We can take joint responsibility for this year and then figure out where it makes sense.
SJ: I think it makes sense to have in the treasurer position.
XX: I think that the application should be reviewed by all of this community.
RZ: Technically a constitution shouldn’t have bylaws that specify tasks.

Reviewing applications
SJ: Whoever here who isn’t applying will share responsibility for reviewing applications?

Facebook

AC: I like the idea of creating a virtual community
BP: But it’s important that we still utilize the UVM email system to reach the community, so the FB should not be the primary form of engagement

Action Items:

Short term:
Check in with Seth about printers
Put the Google Drive agenda in every email announcement
Check-in about FB with Seth

Long term:
Amend the constitution’s position roles (SP: Does this have to be voted by the students through a ballot?)
Put minutes onto Zoo site at the end of the semester