Meeting Minutes - Dec 3, 2021

Graduate student tragedy - Davide Giri
- PhD Candidate in CS, member of system-level design group
- pushing to posthumously award him his PhD
- CS DR’s encouraged to reach out to their community and act as a resource
- discussion about how late the entrances are open on Columbia campus. Perhaps we can close them earlier or have tighter security around entrances.
- via is difficult to use, public safety has been made aware of this
- survey to scope if via is unsafe

APMA Feedback - Shankrith
Positive feedback:
- regular job postings and alumni connections are useful
Discussion areas
- no TA, just a grader
- TAs who haven’t taken the course before are teaching
- special topics: change every semester
- courses have unclear prerequisites
- courses on quantitative finance would be useful
- lack of clarity of allowed electives
- not much information about internship opportunities for first year students
- single platform for all students from APAM (phd, first years, masters, alumni) for networking and to talk about courses would be useful
Response
- TA appointments are tied to full time PhD students
- not just math, also applied physics and materials science

CPO conference talk
- CPO’s take time to collect feedback
- students never got feedback back from surveys
Response:
- handshake is meant for undergraduate recruitment activity
- first years take preference for these programs, the opportunities aren’t meant for graduate students
- only 3 columbia schools have access to handshake or lionshare
- 1-1 meetings are a priority because students can change their minds for their career paths

DR suggestion: mailing lists of job opportunities catered to students depending on their career interests that they could subscribe to as opposed to signing up departments for each mailing list

Response:
- hate career fairs, new proposal for Spring to ensure more 1-1 time with employers
CEEM department feedback
-created a google form and sent it out to the entire department
-first alumni happy hour, success, students want more

Improve:
-almost 30 concentrations with lack of courses to follow up the concentrations
-course registration waitlists are tough for students, no idea if they will be accepted into the class
-not enough structural engineering courses
-course structure: structured list of courses we are allowed to take, must take a required list of courses that does not permit freedom within classes, feels restricting and confusing since the courses aren't always relevant to the specific focus of the program
-construction management or structural engineering concentrations have limited classes and restrictive structures

Response:
-each concentration must complete 3 of 4 identified courses
-concentrations are new, this year is the first year of the concentrations

End of Semester social: December 11, 8:30pm (tentatively)
Elections updates: deadline extended to the time of the meeting
Meeting adjourned: 2:25PM