AGENDA 02-01-2019

AROUND THE CAMPUS
- Michael Higgins from The Food Pantry at Columbia
- Bargaining Committee Elections: Interact with SEAS candidates Yash Amonkar (Earth & Environmental Engg) and Jake Rabinowitz (Electrical Engg)

BUSINESS
- Senator updates: Student Affairs Committee
- Chair Updates
- EGSC: Department Representative elections

UPCOMING
- Campus Life Fair 3-5 PM (Carleton Commons) today!
  Visit the EGSC table
- GSA Training for EGSC Student Groups - Feb 08
- EGSC PhD Social: Arts & Crafts - Feb 08
I. **Food Pantry: (Michael Higgins)**

- Has been existing for 2-3 years now
- Showed the current website at the meeting
- There are 2 open board seats:
  - Advisory chair of communications
  - Advisory chair of Finance
- A form needs to be filled up on their website to enrol
- They both are intense position because it’s for the entire University. It’s a huge commitment
- Work Load: 15-20 hrs/week
- The medical centre gets access to the food pantry space
  - They are allocating space to get them a deal with the medical centre
- **Campus Hunger awareness week**
  - 4th-8th February
  - Happens every spring
  - Schedule is given on their website
  - The University does not allow them to touch perishable food
    - They have partnered with a food project which gives them the access to it now
    - 35 individuals have already requested for perishable food

**Q&A:**

Mali: Last time SEAS were the biggest recipients?
- Food pantry date from the last time was shown (with respect to different colleges). And it was indeed true.

Brittany: Any data normalised? SEAS having more people using this service?
- They don’t have the service available right now.

Namha: Volunteers needed?
- Absolutely. There’s a volunteer agreement on the website. Go do it!

Arvind: Do you collect degree program information?
- Yes. They changed the form because of that. It’s a valuable information.

Ashritha: Both perishable and non-perishable have financial challenges?
- Not really. Perishable if free of cost. They cover for it entirely. If they split, that confidentiality will be lost.

Anirudh: If it’s a matter of dignity for people to take free food, they can pay a minimal amount?
- Never thought about it. They’ll look into it. Either they’ll pay the food pantry or the corporate hill

Michael: Can have donation boxes to accept money?
- They cannot accept money duration during the open hours. Not a great idea.
II. Senator Updates:
- To meet the director of ISSO (David). Issues:
  o International student full tuition, how is the International Student fee utilised?
  o If the Morningside and CUMC ISSO offices are closed on Wednesdays, do they have open office hours?
  o Student visa holders can qualify for health plans. Effective Fall-2019.

III. Bargaining Committee Elections:
- Candidates Yash Amonkar (Dept. of Earth and environmental engg.) and Jake Rabinowitz (EE) interacted with the EGSC members and pitched to vote for them at the next bargaining committee elections.

IV. Miscellaneous:
- DR elections for vacant spots to be held soon.
- Campus life fair today at Carleton. 3-5pm.
- EGSC sweatshirts are here. Can pick them up next Friday.
- GSA training for members on February 8th.
- PhD social @ Arts and Crafts on February 8th.