

Executive Report
Office of Professional Development
September 25, 2009

Professional Development Committee

The professional development committee met on September 4th to discuss professional development opportunities that our constituents indicated they were interested in. Along with our workshops in interviewing for academic jobs, our committee discussed the possibility of having training in the creation of personal websites one could use while on the job market. Andre Denham has graciously volunteered to present this workshop which will be held in Coor L1-84 from 12 - 1:30pm.

We have heard that constituents are interested in another workshop aimed at financial planning for graduate students. To that end, we have invited several faculty members from the WP Carey school to present information on this subject. We are tentatively planning on having this workshop in mid October. Specific times and dates are also TBD.

The office of professional development is collaborating with external affairs and ASA to put together a lobbying workshop where one can learn the skills required for lobbying and discussing graduate student issues. We were hoping to tie this workshop into a lobbying opportunity such as the AZ Town Hall meeting. More details to follow.

Finally, we discussed the idea of hosting “practice groups” in the GSC on several afternoons where graduate students could show up and have the opportunity to practice presentations and get feedback from their peers.

Professional Development Travel Grant Competition

September 15th cycle

College or Department	Amount Requested	Amount Disbursed	Remaining monies in PD travel
			36,287.00
College of Arts	2100.00	1650.00	
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	2940.00	2140.00	
College of Design	548.00	548.00	
College of Education	644.00	644.00	
College of Nursing	500.00	500.00	

Total	6732.00	5482.00	30,805.00
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