LAST MEETING OF THE SEMESTER WOWOW — Joey

- Mid-year applications finished—on to interview stage!
- Goals: Train first years at Lacy Lab/in general?
  - Potential workshop/partner with the DAEDALUS Project
  - Architecture School Seminars?
- Keep in touch with second semester projects—integrate them within Rodman community.

Presidents (General Updates)

- Thanks everybody for your work so far (and thank YOU for YOUR work)
- Still a lot to do, want to emphasize getting dates for events set on a calendar before next semester starts
  - Dates from all committees logged and put into master calendar
  - Ex: Annual Report (milestones)
- Semester in review? Start, Stop, Continue

Advising

- Big/Little vs. Advisor/Advisees
  - Personal connections vs. just class information
  - Maybe not change terminology, but change angle
- Use advisor listserv to keep everyone in the loop

Bonding (Social)

- Maybe coordinate events for next semester?
- Less partays, maybe something seasonal
  - Movie in CHEM, Kuma, Ice Skating (when we get back)
- Co-program with advising (class-mixing of some kind)
- Send out Google form to Rodmans (first years meet upperclassmen)
  - Dinners/lunch with upperclassmen

Communications

- Newsletter should be coming out in the coming days (confirmation on topics)
  - Kathleen—Service Update (x2)
  - Danial—First Year Event
  - Matt A./Mary-Michael—RodSems (x2)
  - Gage—Reflection on Service RodSem
- Joey—How do I update RodSems/archive those from last semester (can be discussed after meeting)
- What we have in newsletters vs. what we want in annual report
  - Missing: “Fourth year data”
    - Job applications
  - First Year Data
  - Target audience: alumni
• Need to strengthen alumni network
• Reflection
• Maybe also prospective families?

Service/Outreach

• Kid*Vention Family Science Festival on February 20th from 10-3 at the Key Recreation Center at the East End of the Downtown Mall
  o Thoughts??
  o A lot of organizations in Charlottesville do some sort of activity
  o Submit application to reserve table, need idea for project
    ▪ Controlled descent
    ▪ Rubber band car
    ▪ Talk to kid who runs NASA outreach team
    ▪ Marshmallow (that’s how it’s spelled??)/toothpick bridge/tower
      ▪ Round toothpicks because SAFETY first
• Habitat Store interested in working with us again next semester
  o Went well
  o Built furniture
• Ideas for projects next semester or creating something of our own?
  o March/April—something outdoors (Habitat? Farms—sustainability, like Morven?)
• Will be planning next semester monthly projects over winter break
  o People wanted to work with us be we didn’t, so we can in spring
• ESC has big outreach event at UVA for Science Olympiad->need a plethora of volunteers (April 16th all day)
  o Bonding sort of activity?--biweekly/monthly service project?
• E-Week??
  o Super big surprises in store
  o Should we help with it? (Giving back to E-School)
  o March
• First Year Project in March
  o CSG (sp.?) lady getting back to Mary-Michael in a bit
  o Lewis and Clark could do something again
  o Mainly class, but also rest of the program invited (about 10 others)
    ▪ Transportation—Cross that bridge when we get there
• Tool inventory

Year Rep Updates

• First Years
  o Successful 1st year dinner—reimbursements?
    ▪ “On Gummersbach”
    ▪ Had fun at meeting->about half the people attended (Wahooowal!)
  o Possible service projects
    ▪ Table during finals->random act of kindness
- Finals food handouts
- Next semester—planting along Engineer’s Way
  - Sandy area near E-School ➔ potting plants SO CUTE
  - Greenspace
- Holiday Party?

Stay tuned on next semester updates and events, including various service and outreach projects, Days on the Lawn for our new Rodmans, the monthly newsletter, meeting minutes from yours truly, and much much more! Until then, happy holidays from the Rodman Scholars Program!! 😊