Agenda for 7-20-2020

While we have a DEI meeting, we will have some bleed over in DEI discussion. In general I feel it’s best for reporting on DEI to happen in this meeting but discussion of DEI issues to happen in the DEI meeting.

1. Social Update from @Justin and @Emma
   a. Trivia 7/23 for incoming students

2. Mentorship Update from @Ajay and @Devi
   a. Will start recruiting late August/Early September

3. Outreach update from @Andrew
   a. Strong DEI flavor this year
   b. Interface with Ajay

4. Quals Panel Update from @Mehrdad

5. Professional Development update from @Harry
   a. Frame for DEI and help everyone

6. DEI Update from @Emily -
   a. Letter in final stages - will be sent to professors soon
   b. Meeting with Will and Sarah
      i. You can't require ANYTHING of faculty
      ii. Application website and department website need to be updated
      iii. GRE does seem to help them paring down applications
      iv. Recruiting applicants is the biggest barrier
      v. Paid undergraduate research during academic year isn’t a priority
      vi. Signing bonus/moving stipend/advance payment is faculty specific - how can we interface with the department to get infrastructure so that is easier for them - loan idea
   c. Grad Recruitment Initiatives
      i. Application Info Session for Undergraduate students in matsci
      ii. Informal MRS webinar to prospective applicants - think about collecting and generalizing material for interested students at many different universities - have them submit questions beforehand