

Minutes for the Pls meeting of 12/8/2008

All five Pls (Shah,Mikusinski,Lobo,Schober,Li) are presented at the meeting.

1. Nine students selected for GAUSS2009. Four accepted so far. Need to re-examine Tyler Gomez's case. He may be the tenth participant pending on his performance in C Programming class (of Niels)
2. Prepare a priority list of Distinguished Speakers ASAP (Li, Yong, Nashed)
3. It is decided that the Orientation will be moved to the Monday, January 5, 2009 (the school starts on the 7th)
4. Food and drink will be provided for the orientation (math dept)
5. Two GTAs will be selected and preferably they work in related areas (Li, Mikusinski)
6. Weekly seminar in the spring will be for faculty to present introductory research talks, for students to review and reflect on the week's activities. Time and date will be decided after the first week of spring. All faculty mentors are invited to come. A bonging opportunity. (Shah, Li)
7. Students' stipend in the spring will be disbursed in two \$1k payments: one at the end of the first month, another at the end of the semester. Students will special financial needs may get support through other means (Mubarak)
8. Field trip will be in the summer (Muisse)
9. Next year's recruitment plan:
 - a. Update the flyer
 - b. University and honors recruitment material should include the info about GAUSS
 - c. Mail the flyer to high school's math heads, including Miami and Jacksonville
 - d. Make a nice poster
 - e. Update in the university Career Center
10. Action Items:
 - a. 10 laptop computers: same hardware and software (for convenience of maintanance) (Mikusinski,Li)
 - b. Hire two GTAs (Mikusinski,Schober,Li)
 - c. Prepare (and announce to all students and faculty) orientation (Li,Mikusinski)
 - d. Check the account (NSF/matching). Get Linda involved. Contact Cherry.