EECS Town Hall Agenda - Fall 2011

2:00-3:00 - EECS Department Joint Session - HP Auditorium

2:00 Berkeley time - EE/CSGSA Welcome & Intro of Chair

2:12-2:25 - Chair Opening Remarks & Updates (C. Spanos)
- Department Updates
- Brief M.Eng program overview
- Brief update on how diversity is being improved
- Mental Health/Wellness Update
- Introduction of faculty present & faculty moderator (V. Subramanian)

2:25-2:40 - Graduate Funding Questions (K. Asanovic & R. Miller)
- GSI Supplements: Why does the GSI supplement take so long to receive and get confusing? GSI top off does not equalize to regular GSR pay.
- Salary/Stipend presentation (Katya & Isabelle) & discussion

2:40-2:55 - Graduate Academic and Student Life Questions (K. Asanovic, J. Kubiatowicz, N. Cheung)
- Can we encourage conversations about number of hours, work/life balance? (make this a higher priority?)
- Mental Health/Wellness: Can we have student/faculty focus group on mental health?

2:55-3:05 - Questions from the floor & questions from Chair
- Is the town hall model still an effective way to discuss graduate student issues? (C. Spanos)

3:05-3:10 - BREAK to allow for transition to joint sessions

Note to EE Students: The copyright transfer issue will be addressed in the first part of the CS divisional session – feel free to attend if you are interested.
3:10-4:00 - EE & CS Divisional Sessions

CS SESSION - Wozniak Lounge

3:10-3:15 - CSGSA & Faculty Moderator opening remarks

3:15-3:25 – Copyright transfer issue (D. Culler)
- Discuss emerging copyright issues in academia (i.e. implementing copyright transfer policies)

3:25-3:35 – Graduate Student/Faculty Relations (D. Culler)
- Dual Advising Update
- What types of mixer events would encourage faculty to attend?

3:40-3:45 - Undergraduate Research
- Better ways to find talented undergrads to work on research
- Mentoring/teaching workshops for working with undergrads

3:45-3:50 - Building and Facilities Update (S. McNally)
- Office assignments and lab access

3:50-3:59 - Questions From the Floor

3:59-4:00 - Faculty Moderator Closes discussion & directs attendees to party in Woz

EE SESSION - HP Auditorium

3:10-3:15 - EEGSA & Faculty Moderator opening remarks

3:15-3:25 - Building and Facilities (M. Davis)
- Update on Key Card access
- Is there any way to make Cory hall a little more aesthetically pleasing to reflect the quality of research that takes place in it? Perhaps simply hanging more posters on the wall highlighting important research.
- Can Cory facilitate new ergonomic ideas, such as standing setups for those interested?

3:25-3:45 - EE Graduate Academic and Student Life
- Can we encourage post-graduation discussions as a greater component of student/advisor interactions?
- Would faculty be interested in a research rotation program if organized by EEGSA?
- How can we better promote well-roundedness of graduate students?
- How do we encourage collaboration, cooperation, learning, rather than competition, and an appreciation for learning and spreading learning, rather than publication?

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