2014 CS Grad Town Hall

Status of Action Items from 2013
Issue:
There is a lack of diversity in ethnicity and gender among the student population.

Status:
• 13 new underrepresented students, up from 3 in Fall 2013. The majority of these new students are in EE.

• There were 44 women admitted and 22 enrolled, compared to 49 admitted and 17 enrolled in Fall 2013.
Issue:
There is a lack of diversity in ethnicity and gender among the EECS faculty.

Status:
• Results of faculty recruiting in 2013-14:
  – John DeNero
  – Sanjam Garg
  – Luca Trevisan
• “Rising Stars” conference was held at UC Berkeley on November 3 and 4.
Issue:
Students would like more opportunities to interact with faculty.

Status:
• New Student Orientation includes two faculty speakers each week.
• TGIF series of talks continues this fall
• Cory Café in Spring 2015
Issue:
GSI Issues
• Appointments are being sent out too late.

Status:
• GSI applications were open 3 weeks earlier than last year.
• GSI Application can only open after the schedule of classes is released.
• 80% of offers are made at least two weeks prior to the start of classes.
• Median of fall 2014 offers was made on July 28, compared to 2013 when the median of offers was made August 13
**Issue:** GSI Issues

- Students are not receiving the GSI supplement.

**Status:**

- GSIs are subject to Union rules which are set at the system wide level and don’t include all UC Berkeley fees.
- Therefore, campus systems are not set up to automatically pay full fees for GSIs.
- GSI supplements are handled by ERSO; students need to contact their RSO to initiate the supplement.
- Department emails all grads every semester with instructions. This is also mentioned in each offer letter.
- Information has also been added to new student webpage.
Issue: Prelims

Status:
• An overhaul of the CS prelim breadth course requirements was released in fall 2014 with input from faculty, students, and staff