**Tufts-ASA**

**Meeting Minutes**

**08/26/2020**

1. **Minutes taken by:**

Kees Schipper

1. **Present:**

Kees Schipper

Ryan Simpson

Emily Sanchez

Brianna Lauren

1. **Absent:**
2. **Agenda:**
3. Introduction to new Tufts-ASA website, formatting, and how to edit the website
4. Discussion of Tufts-ASA consulting and mentorship programs and how to implement
5. How to further establish infrastructure to carry Tufts-ASA on past this year
6. **Business from Previous Meetings:**
7. **New Business:**
* Ryan took everyone through the layout of the new Tufts-ASA website, best practices for editing the website and formatting content, and the editing portal. Editing can either be done in the WordPress text view or in html code.
	+ People who are listed as administrators to the website:
		- Ryan Simpson
		- Kees Schipper
		- Emily Sanchez
		- Brianna Lauren
		- Lauren Sallade
* We went off on a tangent about linking students to faculty research projects. This topic took up most of the remainder of the meeting. We discussed the need for screening of students and their abilities in statistical analysis and programming before linking students onto specific projects.
	+ We proposed having a mentorship structure, where experienced Friedman students who are already on research projects with faculty could bring on first-year students, and teach them most of the necessary skills needed to take part in their given project and move research forward.
	+ Proposal of Tufts-ASA office hours was brought up by Kees but was considered too similar to Data Lab assistant office hours.
	+ The idea of a certificate program for data science was brought up by Ryan, as the concept of certification through Nature Journal was previously discussed by Elena and Ryan. Students could complete the certification, and we could use that as a screening tool to match students with faculty on specific projects.
1. **Adjournment (When and by who?):**

Meeting was adjourned by Ryan around 10:20.