

## **Report for Winter Policy Council Meeting**

SDS student chapter, reporting to Len Malczynski

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### 1. Main events and achievements of 2016

- Formed 5 student led peer mentoring groups:
  - Focus on supporting supporting students with varying levels of expertise
  - Focus on overcoming SD learning obstacles
  - Sharing of resources and knowledge bases
- Initiation of a pilot program where senior SD practitioners join student groups
  - Pilot program limited to Spring Semester 2017
  - Identified and addressed senior practitioners concerns of taking on new students, possible conflicts with current advisors, time committment
  - Senior SD practitioners provide additional expert feedback, bridging SD expertise divide

### 2. Main aims for 2017

- Increase number of student led peer mentoring groups
- Increase number of senior SD practitioners willing to join student peer mentoring groups
- Proposed peer mentoring poster session and panel discussion at 2017 ISDC conference
- Incorporate learning and feedback from pilot program into 2018 student chapter goals

### 3. Required SDS resources

- Disseminate peer mentoring information at Summer School, PhD Colloquium, and at Conference
- Additional experienced SD practitioners willing to join student led peer mentoring groups
- SDS financial support for remote meeting software licenses to facilitate current and future mentoring groups
- 2017 conference space for poster session and panel discussion on student led peer mentoring groups (Build on best practices, form new groups from interested students)