

CEGSAC 2017-2018 Meeting Minutes

Second Executive Meeting

6/6/2017

The meeting was held downstairs at the ARMS building and Agustin was contacted via Whatsapp video call. It started at 12:30 pm.

Ali started talking about the activities for Welcoming Week. The idea is to talk about what is CEGSAC, what we do and how do we help graduate students in Civil Engineering with their needs and concerns. Ali will talk to Rachel and Jenny about Welcoming Week.

Then, Ali talked about the Pilot Program.

- The Pilot Program is about Breaking Barriers - Building Bridges, with the purpose to organize events where we interact with other departments throughout campus.
- As part of the pilot program, Ali suggested to change the Coffee Breaks to the ARMS building to interact with the Aerospace students.
- For the Pilot Program, we will have a \$1,500 budget to split with each of our committees.

We were also discussing whether to have few big events or a series of small events. This topic is still under discussion and we moved on to the proposed events for each committee:

- **Community / Cultural**
 - Emma suggested to keep the Game Night, Corn Maze, Ice Skating, Chinese New Year and the Social at Jake's events.
 - Agustín suggested to change the Game Night to Bowling Night since the Bowling Night we had last year was more successful than the Game Night.
 - We were also discussing changing the Corn Maze to September, the Social at Jake's for the end of September, Ice Skating for February, the Chinese New Year in January and to collaborate with CESAC, and the Social at Jake's in March to invite the prospect students since this year was a successful event and funded by the department.
 - Agustín will find out if Latin Night at the Cactus will continue on the next academic year to invite civil students.
- **Outreach**
 - Agustín decided to keep the Springfication, Winterization and Relay for Life events.

- Agustín suggested to also to participate in events on the Lafayette community in events such as art events, marathons, benefits, LGBTQ community, etc. to be more active in the Lafayette community. Agustín will look for these events and find out how can we participate.
 - Agustín also suggested, as part of the Pilot Program, to participate in charity activities on campus such as PGSG and Unicef.
 - As part of being in charge of social media, Agustín will share the events happening on campus so civil engineering students can be aware and be involved if interested.
- **Professional Development**
 - Ali was discussing how to organize the seminar series.
 - One suggestion was to work with CESAC in one of the seminar series.
 - Another suggestion was to integrate the Internship Panel in one of the Seminar Series.
- **Sports**
 - Srinath is interested in organizing the Faculty/Student Soccer event and he will find out about organizing student/faculty teams.
 - Srinath will keep the “CoRec Pal” program and he suggested to divide the program with 2 to 3 small events such as rock climbing, zumba and hiking.
- **Health & Wellness**
 - We will keep the Destresser Night events and the Coffee Break Sessions since they have been successful this past year.
- **Advocacy**
 - Ali is working directly with PGSC to organize a conference/workshop on Assertiveness so graduate students know their legal rights on campus.

Ali will revise the CEGSAC Proposal for the 2017-2018 Academic Year with the activities that we decided to keep.

We agreed to meet on June 20th at 12:30pm.