

CEGSAC 2020-2021 Meeting Minute

CEGSAC Meeting – 5 (Monthly Meeting)

01/21/2021

Location: Via Zoom

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30PM EST

Overview:

Purpose: the objective of the meeting was to recruit new members to the organization and share with them the activities for the year. Additionally, to share the activities for Spring 2021.

Introduction

- CEGSAC is a bridge between faculty/staff and graduate students.
- Planning events and activities for graduate students.

Introductions:

- Board and Committee Chairs.

Professional Development Committee Events

- Networking opportunities.
- Develop your professional portfolio.

Sports and Health Committee Events

- Virtual Meditation & Zumba sessions.
- Intramural sports

Cultural Outreach Committee Events

- Virtual Game Night
- Diversity and Social Justice Discussion Panel.

Professional Development Committee Events

- Minority Engineering Program:
 - o January 28th, 3pm-4pm.
 - o 15 people get Insomnia Cookies, first come first serve.
- Emerging Leaders:
 - o February 22-February 26 or March 1 – March 5.
 - o 3 nominations. Winner: Dr. Yazen Khasawneh.
 - o Q&A at the end.

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- Research Bytes:
 - o Spring 21: Late March.
 - o Via Zoom.
- Research Symposium:
 - o March 22-25 2021.
 - o Zoom Meeting.
 - o Update from Agustin: 3 people confirmed.
 - o Send more invitations.
 - o Update from José: suggesting Gather Town as the platform to host the Research Symposium. It is inexpensive, we will get a town, where a team can build some elements around for the presenters and students. It is a more fluid way to attend a virtual conference during the pandemic.

Sports and Health Committee Events

- Virtual Scape Room:
 - o Competition different Grad Departments. Who is the fastest?
 - o CEGSAC will contribute two teams, 4 people.
 - o February 5th, Zoom.
 - o Q&A: not required to be in CEGSAC to participate. 4 people each team.
- NCAA Brackets/Watch Party:
 - o March.
 - o Zoom and Fox Sports.
- Virtual Yoga.
 - o March.
 - o Zoom.
- Hike and Hangout.
 - o April, when the weather gets better.
 - o TBD.
- Kickball Tournament.
 - o May.
 - o TBD.

Cultural Outreach Committee Events

- Discussion Panel on Diversity for TAs:
 - o Mid to late February. Via Zoom.
 - o One panelist confirmed.
 - o TAs can attend. To help with different issues from racial discrimination.
- Food Recipe Sharing Event with ECEGSA:

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- Books with recipes from all around the world showing the diversity of our departments.
- Snacks and packages with food around the world along with the book.
- April 15th.
- A good way to connect and fill the gap between Purdue and Lafayette Community.
- Usually, our part involves helping with sharing the event and reaching more people.

Other Events or Comments

- Elections will be held on April meeting:
 - Nomination process will begin in March: Present/Co-Presidents, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Web/Social Media Administrator.
 - Start thinking about who to nominate, or if you want to be part of the Board.
- Question from Lisa: Award for Mentors?
 - We are going to do it. Next week Agustin will start working on it.
 - Deadline is February. By that time, we should have the winner for Civil Engineering.
 - That nominee goes to the College of Engineering.
- Introductions from new people attending the Callout.

Attendance:

Students

Agustin Quiñones (President)

Rajat Verma (Vice-President)

Jose Capa Salinas (Secretary)

Ata Taghipour (Treasurer)

Justin Mahlberg (Sports, Health & Wellness Co-Chair)

Jack Sinton (Professional Development Co-Chair)

Lisa Losada (Professional Development Co-Chair)

Prekshi Khanna (Cultural & Community Outreach Co-Chair)

Deepak Suthar (Cultural & Community Outreach Co-Chair)

Jack Connolly

Justin Beckemeyer

Scott Grier

Myriam J Sarment

Noshin Saiyara Ahmad

Donnie Fuerstenau

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