

# CEGSAC 2020-2021 Meeting Minute

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**CEGSAC Meeting – 6 (Monthly Meeting)**

**02/18/2021**

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 6:00PM EST

## **Overview:**

*Purpose:* the objective of the meeting was to share the activities for our current semester and next planning stages.

## **Professional Development Committee Events**

- Emerging Leaders: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2pm-3pm.
  - o Zoom. Dr. Yazen Khasawneh.
  - o Meet with geotechnical students from 3pm-4pm and former advisor from 3:30 to 4pm.
  - o Plaque was already sent to awardee. It will arrive on Monday.
- Research Bytes: Spring 2021 – Late March – Early April.
  - o Zoom. TBA.
  - o Construction Engineering (?).
- Research Symposium: March 22-25, 2021.
  - o Zoom.
  - o We hope to have 20 abstracts. Rajat: currently we have 8 responses.
  - o Agustin in charge of contacting industry. Some people have already confirmed.
  - o Current Deadline Feb. 26.
  - o Prof. Abraham: add the industry speakers in the advertisements so more people can be interested. Contact someone on INDOT. Professionals that have been in contact with the school and alumni. Put that information down.
    - Find three or four people in 2019. Put three or four sentences from their experience.
    - Change the deadline to a Monday, 5pm. March 1<sup>st</sup> (?).
  - o Scott: have we contacted other student organizations?
    - Rajat: only ITT.
    - Contact others. BSAC meets next Thursday.

## **Sports and Health Committee Events**

- Virtual Escape Room: The Battle of the Wits.
  - o Almost 5 teams from Civil and more than 50 people in total.

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- Collaboration with Electrical Engineering.
- NCAA Brackets/Watch Party: during march madness.
  - Zoom & Fox Sports platforms.
- Hike and Hangout: during April.
  - TBD.
  - If not possible, an alternative to do a picnic similar to the one in Fall.
- Kickball Tournament.
  - May.
  - TBD.

## **Cultural Outreach Committee Events**

- Discussion Panel on Diversity for TAs:
  - 25<sup>th</sup> February (Thursday) from 5pm to 6pm.
  - Zoom.
  - As of today, six panelists are confirmed. Invitation email has been sent and released.
  - Panelists: Minority Engineering Program, Black Cultural Center, Purdue Arab Society, Asian American and Asian Resource Cultural Center, LGBTQ Center, Latino Community Center.
  - Food: Jimmy John's Sandwich Combo or Uber Eats (\$10).
    - Decided: Uber Eats for first 15 attendees.
  - Prof. Abraham: all the TAs funded by Civil have an expectation to attend to this event.
    - Jenny will create the list of TAs and send a message to them to participate.
    - Everyone who is supervising students and mentoring capacities.
    - All students of CE691.
    - Grad students who are interested in pursuing TAs opportunities in the future.
    - Anonymous Questions. Moderator and 2 Co-Hosts to drive the conversation.
- Food Recipe Sharing Event with ECEGSA:
  - Books with recipes from all around the world showing the diversity of our departments.
  - April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - One Community Grant (\$2500) has been approved and next phase of the event in under planning.
  - Our part is to promote the event.
  - Prekshi: How to choose where to distribute?

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- Agustin: when the time comes, they will let us know.
- Virtual Murder Mystery Night
  - Zoom, Breakout Rooms.
  - People in Civil Engineering.
  - Probably in March. Around April to have a month to prepare. Maybe around Reading Days.
  - To create murder mystery.
  - Need more insight on how to manage it.
  - Scott: contact Co-Rec. They were involved in Escape Room.

## **Other Events or Comments**

- Outstanding Faculty Mentor:
  - Select winner tomorrow. Next week Agustin will send the email.
- Meeting in April will have elections for Committee Members.
- Feedback from what is happening around Civil Engineering Department.

## ***Attendance:***

### ***Students***

Agustin Quiñones (President)

Rajat Verma (Vice-President)

Jose Capa Salinas (Secretary)

Ata Taghipour (Treasurer)

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

Donnie Fuerstenau

### ***Faculty and Staff***

Dulcy Abraham

Jenny Ricky