Absent: John D, Arthur D, Agnes
Late: Kevin B

1. Uploading Notes for transparency
   a. Motion: other grad students can attend meeting. Ask students to leave if discussing something sensitive
      i. Motion passed
      ii. Advertise meeting time on newsletter
      iii. Posting notes online to our GSO website
      iv. Arthur will upload meeting minutes

2. Symposium recap/feedback
   a. First year picnic
      i. Name tags from the department, not the ones for symposium
      ii. [SYDNEY] Ask Katie to make a note for next year
   b. Mixer
      i. Venue was hot and loud
      ii. Talk to the first years about dress and behavior
      iii. Advertise that it’s appetizers only, not a full meal
      iv. Bring fans for temperature
   c. Banquet
      i. Bring fans for temperature
   d. Food during symposium
      i. Coffee needs LIDS! Catered by union
      ii. [NICOLE] email stephanie
   e. Presentations
      i. Proctors ask questions if no one else does
      ii. [GAUTHAM] put this into instructions for next year
      iii. Can students sign up without professor’s approval?
         1. Put a line in invitation to present email saying that students must consult with their professor.
   f. Transportation
      i. Most reps drove themselves
      ii. One van may be enough for next year (10-12 person van, 7 person van is easier to drive and is nicer inside)
   g. Nametags
      i. People liked the ribbons!
      ii. Background for faculty and reps make it different?
   h. Post-symposium survey
      i. [YANRAN] Make one! Send out to reps.
      i. What needs to be done for next year?
         i. Symposium 2014 folder subsections for each role

3. Funding proposal from College of Engineering
   a. $2200 dollars
   b. 1000 is for pilot program – encouraging undergrads to go to grad school
i. Mid-September: Let’s do a NSF writing workshop!
   [ARTHUR] Plan it!
   1. Event planning form, reserve room, order pizza
   2. Get grad students w/ NSF to help host it. Liz, Jenny, Janie
   3. Get AIChE help advertise

ii. Early November: Grad school application essay workshop

iii. Spring: Grad school panel

iv. Pizza for all events

4. [KEVIN] – first year guide to advisors
   a. Subject area, tenure y/n, number of grad students, average graduation time
   b. Hand on/hands off, number of meetings/week
   c. Survival guide? Already been sent to the first years

5. [SYDNEY] - Advisor selection panel
   a. What is the timeline for professor presentations/selection submission?

6. Beach day – [MICHAEL]
   b. We will provide drinks and chips. Everyone else needs to bring food.
   c. Michael can bring his grill. Viktor has one and a truck.
   d. Get attendance through google docs

7. Mini-golf - [JOHN and KEVIN]
   b. Need to submit funding NOW!!!

8. Sustainability Tour – Gautham
   a. Have been trying to go through Christina, hasn’t been responding
   b. When rep responds, send date to the rest of the GSO officers
   c. Will be hosted through the department, not GSO

9. Safety Committee - Shin
   a. Sept 18th
      i. Summarize last years incidents
      ii. Gas Cylinder safety
      iii. Hazardous waste disposal
      iv. Biological Hazards
   b. $200 allocated for safety committee. If you want more GSO money, need to fill out form 2 weeks in advance
   c. End of October/start of Nov

10. GSO Seminars
   a. Spring – we can choose a topic! Varma wants us to poll the students for options
   b. Send poll out this month.
   c. Debate on fracking
   d. Genetic engineering
   e. Animal testing
   f. Ethically guided research?
g. Energy Policy/Economics – what is financial payback period for new technologies. NOT a research talk. Instead, applied economics.

h. Publications/quality of published research/reproducibility of results/etc. – moving away from high impact journals to lower-impact publications

i. Tenure system – how it works, pros/cons, controversies

j. Comparison of American/European system

11. PINT NIGHT!!! – [KEVIN]
   a. No food, no expenses!
   b. September 5th

12. [KEVIN, NICOLE, AGNES] – qual/pre-lim rules
   a. Request to have rules grandfathered – new rules only apply to next year’s class.

13. For next year
   a. We can’t include anything related to alcohol in our COE funding report

14. PGSG
   a. First meeting next week

15. Marathon - Agnes
   a. Department will fund (how much did we decide? Look back through notes)
      i. $200(or $250, Gautham isn’t sure) [GAUTHAM] – check amount.
   b. We will also spend some of our own money?
   c. How will we disperse
      i. Reimburse receipts after
      ii. Or give donation to event people and they will give us a coupon

16. Future Meetings
   a. Every other week at 12:00-1:00