

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]
 - a. Food? Sandwiches? Chips. BBQ? Potluck style?
 - 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]
 - a. End of September? September 20th.
 - 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 W 12:00-1:00