

October 7, 2015 – Meeting Minutes

Parul is sick, Zheyu has his qualifiers today.

- Robert – ChESS Seminar – Ergonomics in lab.
 - Today at noon.
 - Will have another in late November or late December.
- First Year Reps
 - English Conversations
 - Tomorrow @ 5pm in Grad Student Center (expected ~10 to 12 students)
 - One guy from ECE is concerned he isn't at the list.
 - Mentor Mentee
 - Put events on the Google Calendar!
- Eric @ ECN
 - Tell him that first years need to be merged with chemegrad email list.
 - Tell him it's been a reoccurring problem over and over.
- Graduate Committee Rep (Jimmy)
 - Decided at faculty meeting that PhD students have 2 years to complete masters otherwise will be kicked out. (7-4 vote)
 - Changes are usually grandfathered in, but supposedly informed after quals were already turned in.
 - Sydney will send complaint to Varma and Won.
 - Jimmy – send notes from that meeting to Sydney.
 - Conflict in professional masters program statement. Is it 15 or 18 hours ChE classes? Decided on 15, but still waiting for approval from the school of engineering.
 - Cap on PhD residence time
 - Current proposal is to cap at 8 years, w/o 2-year leave allowance (Max 10 years)
 - Make 697 (Research class) required?
- Sydney
 - Ask Bev what the major changes to the manual are.... They put stuff in the manual and don't tell us.
 - Event form! Fill it out after event! It's in GSO shared folder.
- Social
 - Coffee Break
 - Pint Night – 10 people there... 8 pizzas. Poorly attended. First years had HW due on Friday... May have to change it to Friday.
 - Corn Maze – Oct 24th – Scott will be out of town (Wedding @ Houston)
 - 1:00 PM – Group discount if everyone enters at the same time. (~20 people)
 - GSO paying whole thing. (>20, \$7.50 per person. <20,
 - Halloween Tailgate – Oct 31st –
 - Single costume award.
 - 3 will get there early and block off a spot.

- Timing will be decided a week before kickoff. (12pm or 3:30 pm)
- Ridade
 - Friday Night Lights –
 - Apple Picking on Sunday the 18th.
 - Marathon Saturday the 17th.
- Mariana
 - Truth and Beauty Seminar
 - 5 – 6 pm on November 16th – Laird. (Monday)
 - Remember: Murdock ends at 5pm
 - Corwin – accumulates everything in one email. This is okay. Most prefer 1 email versus ~30+ emails.
 - Email Subject could be better...
- Arthur
 - Newsletter
- Sean
 - Murdock went well. – did try to put in form yesterday but got automatic kickback on BoilerLink.
 - Talked to Frank – said he didn't ever fill out the event form (back then the system was more lenient)
- Event form
 - No need to fill if your event is on campus and ONLY for ChE grad students.
- October/November – Scott will talk to 1st years to see when their exam is.
 - Coffee Break – October 16th @ 2:30 PM (Friday)
 - Pint Night – November 6th @ 6:00 PM (Talk to Parul to see if we have enough \$\$ to provide food)
- Avoid Oct 8 – 13 (AIChE week) , November 22nd (Thanksgiving)
- Sydney
 - Feedback about changes made to seminar
 - Bev and Corwin did not make any of the changes except scanning card things.
 - Signing in after seminar – b/c we were getting into the room 5 to 10 min after seminar.
 - Professor for class after has to start late... restricts class at 4:30 PM.
 - Time moved to afternoon b/c of student survey.
 - Students meeting with seminar speaker outside of seminar?
 - Interest issue?
 - Recruiting in fall for potential graduate students
 - Do we have a pamphlet? -> Sydney will talk to Prithish
 - There was other stuff but it's 12:05 now so Sydney will talk about them next meeting.