

10/21/2015 – GSO Meeting

Absent: Sean, Rick, Mariana

- Visitor from BoilerGreen to speak about our new "living roof"
 - Katie
 - Green engineering projects on campus.
 - 4 committees:
 - Green roof, stormwater, recycling, education/outreach
 - Green Roof: <http://www.boilergreen.com/committees/green-roof>
 - Department buy-in. Initiated by Cristina Farmus
 - 2400 sq ft... area above new-side entrance.
 - Benefits:
 - Water runoff reduction
 - Stormwater purity improvements
 - Insulation during winter, cooling during summer.
 - Disadvantages:
 - Expensive – total cost ~\$80,000 (lower than most since labor is free, and plant membranes are donated)
 - Heavier
- Report from meeting with the head
- Finance seminar proposal by Ramon Pena
 - Contacted by someone interested in smart-financial-decision seminar for graduate students. Greg Fedik(?) – finance and retirement planning.
 - Will this be a sales pitch, or him giving back to the university?
 - If it's feasible, will be in spring.
 - Alternative: Fidelity – Purdue staff can still help us.
- Robert
 - Ergonomics seminar went well.
 - Will have another one later in the semester. Tailored toward many of the new 1st years about to start in labs.
- Parul
 - Reimbursed Rick and Scott
 - If we start providing food at every Pint Night and Coffee Break, will cost \$600 total for rest of year. Have ~\$3000 additional that we can spend. Started year with \$8000.
 - Will put together report and re-evaluate at the end of the semester.
- Scott
 - Two more Pint Nights and two Coffee Breaks.
 - Corn Maze on Saturday. Will be leaving Kiosk at 1:15 PM
 - Tailgate is Saturday after that. Noon game. Chris and Viktor have a truck. Todd has an SUV. Arthur has plastic fold-up table.
 - Food: burgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers.
 - Trip to wolf park?

- Ice skating?
- Jimmy
 - 5 half-marathon, 1 5K, waiting for expense report
- Han-Ting
 - Has two lists now. ChE grad list, and prof masters list.
- Arthur
 - Will add English-speaking initiative and Green Roof Initiative.
 - If we want an event to show up on the TV, send Cristina a word document with details and picture. Include something like “Grad students only” in title.
- Ridade
 - Apple Picking – 6 people
 - This Friday – tree planting between 11:30 and 1pm. Lunch will be provided.
 - Clothing drive – do it during the work day (between 8am and 5pm)
 - 11/14 is winterization
- Taufik and Zheyu
 - English program last week. Had 7 attendees and 6 volunteers.
 - Next one tomorrow.
 - Mentor-Mentee was supposed to be last week, but they had exams.
 - Sydney will email other GSO presidents with future dates.
- Sydney
 - Scott, Robert, and Sydney were at meeting with the head
 - GSO progress plan (proposed ~ 1 year ago) was brought to the faculty committee.
 - They decided that it wasn’t necessary. Students are complaining that some are not getting good enough guidance from their advisor.
 - Varma says students with any issues with their advisor should talk to Prof. Morgan with these issues.
 - Looking into changing the qualifier system
 - Committee of 4 members to improve rankings.
 - Qual committee meeting more frequently with students suggested?
 - Seminar
 - Time change has to deal with speaker flying out from Purdue.
 - Work environment survey
 - Will be coming out soon.
 - New email out for building issues.
 - Will be putting charging dock stations in atrium.
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