## Meeting Friday 18th January 2019: 2.05pm-2.56pm

- Bev, Morgan present; Mihit, Ayse, Kai absent
- Biweekly meetings on Friday afternoon for Spring sem

## • Individual Updates

- o <u>President:</u> <u>David Rokke</u>
  - Looking for Symposium speaker
  - Looking for GSO seminar speaker; but Spring sem may be full. In that case, GSO seminar will be in Fall
- o Vice President: Vinny Pizzuti
  - BOZO finally processed awards for Symposium winners
- o Co-curricular: Aditi Khot
  - First faculty candidate seminar happened
  - 10 students attended
  - Will inform students of upcoming faculty candidate seminars
  - Need to start preparing for Colloquium
  - Might restrict 1 poster per research group; around 20 in total
  - Looking for Prof for truth and beauty seminar
- o First Year: Jessica Torres, Mihit Parekh
  - Baby birds have flown from the nest
- o <u>Outreach</u>: <u>Aidan Coffey</u>
  - Murdock starting again on 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Maybe GSO could organise practice quals next sem
  - Need to start planning for Solar Rollers
  - Need to move GSO closet
- o PGSG: Kaustabh Sarkar
  - No PGSG meeting in past two months
  - New payroll system implemented
- o Sports: Kyle Weideman
  - Basketball, soccer teams now in intra-mural
  - GSO is sponsoring \$45 per team for registration
  - More teams may come
- o Student Advocacy: Blake Finkenauer
  - Attended graduate student council meeting. Many upcoming events
  - They have an anonymous survey for students reporting issues to associate dean of undergrad and grad students
  - However, ChemE student issues should go through Prof. Morgan; as it would make the resolving process easier if started from within dept.
  - Student pantry available; can use student ID to obtain food and hygiene supplies. Meant for financially struggling students
  - "What Life Will be like in 150 Years" competition results coming up
- o Sustainability: Akriti
  - Ideas symposium coming up in Feb
  - Waiting for more details from organizers
  - Joint event among multiple depts

## o Bev Johnson:

- Might be 45 prospective students coming for Colloquium
- Lab tours on Friday when grad students are present, campus tour on Sat. Maybe CISTAR tour
- Considering allotting a graduate student to groups of prospective students; as a resource they can contact if they have questions during recruiting weekend
- Need to decide GSO social event; maybe bowling
- Students enjoy rock climbing; so maybe that for common recreational