

GSO Meeting on 7/28/2020

Presiding: Wei-Lee

Present: Wei-Lee, Carly, Aidan, Apurva, Daniel Gribble, Daniel Hayes, David, Gaurav, Kurt, Paulina, Sydney, Bev, Prof. Morgan

Absent: JT, Vik

Symposium

- 5 Industrial reps signed up. Registration deadline extended to 8/7.
- 3 WebEx channels: 2 for morning sessions and 1 for keynote address.
- Schedule discussed. 2 morning sessions instead of 1 morning and 1 afternoon. Poster session to follow after morning sessions.
 - 45 min break between poster session and keynote address required?
 - Time slots already mentioned on brochure.
 - Can keep that time for discussion on Slack.
- Coasters and umbrella as gifts.
- Can use Qualtrics survey or Google Forms for judges.
- Abstract and resume books can be compiled after the deadline for submission.
- Information package (email) will contain:
 - Resume, abstract books
 - Instructions on how to use WebEx and Slack
 - Schedule and list of elevator pitches and presentations

Regular updates

First Year reps- Paulina and Daniel H:

- 30 current students signed mentor-mentee survey.
- 21 incoming students signed mentor-mentee survey.
- Ideas for first year picnic?
 - Lawn games (with precautions)
 - Can try going for Ice Cream Social for mentor-mentee event.
 - Have to ensure number of people is less than 50.
 - Postpone picnic to weekend after Symposium.
 - Should we have food at the picnic?
 - Could try submitting event to SAO.
- Students will need to be tested for classes, international students need to quarantine.

Safety- David:

- Buying masks in bulk is better than buying smaller samples.
- Will follow up with Robin on bulk mask ordering.

Student Advocacy- Aidan:

- Issues we can try to tackle (based on Grad Experiences survey):
 - Mental health issues
 - Inclusion of more international students in GSO events
 - Can formally (or informally) ask international students for events that they would like to see conducted.

Sustainability- Daniel G:

- Can set up highway cleanup on 15th Aug.

Presient- Wei-Lee:

- No issues with body of new consitution, just need to remove signatures at the bottom to get it approved.