

GSO Meeting on 8/4/2020

Presiding: Wei-Lee

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

Absent: Vik

Symposium

- 21 industrial reps signed up.
- Going to contact Slack this week for free trial.
- Bev will make event links this week (for 2 speaker sessions and 1 keynote speaker session).
- Resume and abstract books can be compiled after a round of screening of resumes and abstracts.
- Draft of information guide made, will be updated with screenshots.
- Email updates to be sent:
 - Send out a reminder email to elevator pitch participants and inform them that they will need to log into Slack to upload pitches.
 - Send detailed info email to faculty, students and first years on symposium.

Regular updates

Communications- Gaurav:

- Received email from Davidson School Communications dept regarding one-page feature in newsletter on GSO and its goals/objectives in the pandemic.
- Drafted answers to their questions. Let me know any comments/suggestions on that.
 - Add goal about bridging gap between international and domestic student participation/interaction.
- They want pictures of pre-COVID activities, any specific suggestions in mind?
 - Volunteering photos/Symposium photos
 - Solar rollers
 - Hike
 - Board game night

First Year reps- Daniel H and Paulina:

- Looking at Picket Memorial Park for incoming 1st-year picnic.
- Located between Intramural Gold Fields and Stadium Ave./McCormick Rd.
- This would cost \$12.50/hr. Booked through Purdue Recwell.
- From Google Maps, looks like 14 tables. Need opinions on how seating arrangements might work (Some seating in grass?).

Social- Kurt:

- Guidelines for events:
 - Events must be on campus or virtual
 - All events must have virtual option for those uncomfortable about attending
 - Food must be pre-packaged
 - Plan for enforcing Purdue protect policies is required

- Plan for sanitizing surfaces must be made.
- Working on getting picnic approved through BoilerLink.
- Sent out email to students asking for event suggestions.
- GSO officers who work with international students in lab/office can ask them for event ideas.

Safety- David:

- Clarification from Kurt: Undergraduates can do research in labs for credit and pay if they register for on-campus classes.
- Undergrads will need to be trained on the Research Space SOP and will need to be added to this document, follow all the internal (group) rules and the lab schedule. They will not be allowed to work alone in the lab (this was applicable before Covid, anyways).
- They will also need to complete the safety training just like everyone, and log the completion of training (as described on our website). This will also be a requirement for approval to add the class to their schedule.

Student Advocacy- Aidan:

- Survey results not published yet.
- Idea: GSO Sponsored storage
 - Bridge time mismatch between leaving grad students and incoming grad students
 - \$70-100 per month for 10' x 10' storage unit.
 - Sustainable solution.
 - Can have raffle to decide who gets it (fair solution).
 - Open to all ChemE grad students.
 - Could be helpful for those that don't have means of furniture transportation.
- Suggestions:
 - Ask students/student groups about this? Does similar to this exist?
 - Hold year long? Or specific periods?
 - If temporary, we'll need to discard, sell or donate at the end of period.
 - Most students graduate in Spring on average. Could work as a summer long thing too.
 - Not a huge part of overall yearly budget (currently), but would need to be reevaluated in later years if budget ever goes down.
 - Other auxiliary ideas:
 - If people have a spare room, store items temporarily.
 - Sponsor week long UHaul rental
 - Have electronics/hardware exchange program.

Sustainability- Daniel G:

- Better to buy supplies ourselves and do the highway cleanup.

President- Wei-Lee:

- GSO constitution updated and uploaded on BoilerLink.

Faculty Advisor- Prof. Morgan:

- Ideas for places to spend time at between classes for incoming first-years:
 - Dungeon? Will have restricted seating.
 - Atrium? No seating.
 - No computer lab access to anyone.
 - Reserve conference rooms. (3062 A,B,C)