

GSO Meeting on 9/24/2020

Presiding: Wei-Lee

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

Absent: Daniel Gribble

Symposium

Wrap-up:

- Finished editing symposium videos. 20-30 MBs in size.
- Can we distribute videos via Slack?
 - Version downgraded to free. 5 GB limit for uploads.
 - Should work.
 - JT will upload.
 - Apurva will send emails to Industrial Reps for videos.

Regular updates

Co Curricular - Sydney:

- Reached out to post Doc from Dr. Liu's group for Post Doc seminar.
- For Faculty Seminar, recently Prof. Greeley, Prof. Narsimhan and Prof. Savoie have been asked.
 - Can ask Dr. Masuku as well.

Communications- Gaurav:

- Planning website upgrade.
- New additions:
 - Pages to highlight social activities and clubs (and links to join), outreach, co-curricular, sustainability activities
 - Page for incoming first years
 - Improve design, make a few things like feedback form more prominent.
 - New symposium page and maintain symposium archives (list of talks/posters) of previous years.
 - News/blog page to post about recently conducted activities, events and initiatives.
- Any other suggestions welcome.

First Year reps- Paulina and Daniel H:

- Events:
 - First Year Picnic was successful, 16/21 first years attended
 - All items purchased have been taken to our GSO closet
 - Planned few more events
 - Sept 21st - Insomnia Cookies before Math Exam 1 -> **Moved to October 12th (after Thermo exam) because SAO never responded to our initial requests and follow ups**
 - October 16th - International Snacks and Game Night (Friday after Thermo Exam), -> **BoilerLink Event Submitted**
 - Postcards for international students -> **BoilerLink Event Submitted**
 - **Outstanding events to consider:**
 - November 23rd- Thanksgiving picnic/snacks/games/trivia

- Zoom Mixer (break out session)
- Working for more online events for international students
- Other:
 - Set up group study program for those interested -> **16 students reached out, and were assigned to a group**
 - Set up and shared with the first year students the project google spreadsheet
 - With many students abroad, and the small number of projects, there might be few issues. Does anyone have suggestions on what would be helpful for the students?

Student Advocacy- Aidan:

- 2 anonymous submissions. Not actionable.

Safety- David:

- Dept. Safety Committee meetings to resume this semester.

Sustainability- Daniel G:

- Distributed mugs to first years during picnic.
- Need to distribute remaining mugs to first year students who did not attend picnic.

President- Wei-Lee:

- Will send Oct monthly email.
- Jessica started the Diversity and Culture Club. Sent out sign up email.
- Food bank request from CoE undergrads.