

GSO Meeting on 10/22/2020

Presiding: Wei-Lee

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

Absent:

Regular updates

Vice President- Carly:

- A few people have received their prizes from symposium, but I'll probably poke those that haven't submitted forms about it soon.

Co Curricular - Sydney:

- Future Post-doc- Dr. Qinghua Xu (Dr. Liu's group)
 - Thursday, Oct 29 (1 week from today)
 - Free from 2 - 5 pm
 - Can keep at 3 (regular seminar time) to avoid schedule conflicts for grad students
 - Will get email out today
- Faculty Seminar- Dr. Cornelius Masuku
 - 2nd week of Nov - W/Th/F (11/12/13)
 - The week before AIChE - can discuss potential strategies for navigating that for those interested in Postdoc/Faculty positions
- Format:
 - We create webex event
 - All grad students should have an increased room size in WebEx due to COVID so conducting event should not be an issue
 - Open discussion --> 10 - 15 min worth of content to facilitate discussion (1 hr total)
 - Mentioned questions usually asked throughout but b/c online some may not want to ask during & might wait until end/ask in the chat
 - Suggested pausing b/w slides for Qs or having them interject during like the in person session - said we're open to whatever option they're comfortable w/ in creating a dialogue

Communications- Gaurav:

- Talked to Jennifer from ChE Communications dept about rules for website design and procedures.
 - She sent a few helpful docs to set up a website, including a doc from Dr. Savoie to set up a Wordpress website.
 - Followed that doc, contacted ECN to get a database set up for the Wordpress site.
 - Wordpress is installed on the server. Will work on updating the design and adding more pages/content to it. Wordpress will also make it easier for future Comm. chairs to update the website if needed.
 - I'll contact everyone for some write-ups/content for the website as soon as I'm ready with a design.

First Year reps- Paulina and Daniel H:

- Mentor/Mentee Update
 - **Mentors (14 Responses)**
 - Difficulties with remote mentoring

- More events (6x)
- Help with project preference, discussion between different years
- Low/ one-sided communication (3x)
- **Mentees (15 Responses)**
 - More social events
 - “I think maybe a group mentor/mentee program might be interesting. Like four mentors for four mentees. That way you can get comfortable with more people.”
 - “Since presentations are started, my interest evolved to different professors, as well. We are trying to keep up with classes and advisor meetings.”
- Faculty mixer:
 - Should we keep it mandatory?
 - Could keep it as mandatory as seminars (ask Bev)
 - Could ask mentors to encourage mentees to attend
 - Tentative date: 1st week of Nov (Nov 3 or Nov 5)
 - Zoom breakout rooms work :)
 - Zoom Mixer (breakout session): Nov 3rd or 5th 8:30am/9am
 - No co-host option in free version :(
 - Postcards for International Students:
 - Event was approved. We will obtain postcards today from the book store. We will leave the postcards in Paulina’s mailbox from tomorrow October 23 noon - October 30 noon on the second floor with hand sanitizer and gloves. If you are on campus, please feel free to stop by and sign the postcards for our international friends :)
 - Please bring your own pen!
 - Will share only with GSO, and the mentors of the international students

Outreach- Apurva:

- Looking at potential of working with other graduate student outreach leaders in other departments to make more science lesson videos
- Their goal is 10 videos per grade (1st-5th) on a variety of topics. Each video would be under 5 minutes long

Safety- David:

- Department safety committee meeting
 - Families walking around inside Forney without mask on
 - People eating lunch in common areas
- COVID-19 ChESS seminar
 - Estimated attendance is high
 - No questions yet through anonymous link. GSO can help with questions submissions.
 - May need someone to watch the chat during the seminar

Social- Kurt:

- Virtual Trivia on Oct 21
 - Went well
 - 10 people attended
 - Feedback: international student friendly

- Virtual Jackbox night on Nov 11.

Susitanability- Daniel G:

- Will get boxes set up for clothes and food donations
- Will take a look at COVID policies regarding the same

PGSG- Vik:

- PGSG mental health week going on, many good events being conducted
- Passed resolution: Purdue admin should come up with a criteria for campus shutdown
- EPC passed a resolution regarding Pass/No-Pass option for undergrads
 - Trying to extend option to grad students, but could be difficult

President- Wei-Lee:

- Declined Numerade sponsorship
- SAO Update on Fall/Spring events
 - Try to submit as many ideas as possible for online activities to demonstrate active club status (regardless of cost, logistics).
 - Will help in writing grants for sponsors
 - 50 people cap still holds for events (15 min gap for cleaning between events). No trading of materials.
 - Off campus events still not allowed (unless Purdue owned property)
 - If you are in a sedan, people have to be looking outward with their mask on.
 - For sponsorships:
 - Transactions have to go through BOSO
 - Corq app used for contact tracing through events
- GSAC meeting
 - Presented slides
 - BME had many diverse events
- Purdue GSO organizational emails for chairs?
 - Do we want them?
 - Vik tried it before, didn't work after a few generations

Staff Advisor- Bev

- PhD virtual information session on 28th and 29th of this month
 - Prof. Morgan will present an overview
 - Student panel hosted by Carly
- Gaurav will post about session on GSO Facebook and Twitter today.