



Davidson School of  
Chemical Engineering



## Minutes of Meeting – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization

Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 2022, 1:00 PM -2:00 PM

Meeting Location: Forney Hall of Chemical Engineering 3062B and via Zoom

### Attendees:

Montgomery Smith – President  
Jiselle Thornby  
Kurt Russell  
Angelique Klimek  
Ajay Harishankar Kumar  
Jackson Harris

Dr. John Morgan – Faculty Advisor  
Tyler Roberts  
Dharini Varadharajan  
Michael Woulfe  
Anne Serban  
Mahit Vaddadi

Meeting Start: 1:00 PM

### Old Business

There were no old GSO-related items that were discussed in the meeting.

### Symposium Planning Updates

The symposium budget was submitted and fully approved by Dr. Kim and the registration site is live [right here](#). We are confirming with the professors for graduation dates for the 26-28 presenters and the abstract/resume template has been sent. Currently, we are missing 8 resumes. We are also waiting for the abstracts which are due July 20<sup>th</sup>. The symposium schedule has also been finished and the brochure will be sent out once it is finalized Wednesday. The poster presentation list is found [here](#). We have too many signed up and must decide on the criteria of selection. We may cut people who are already giving an oral presentation and limit the number of posters from research groups. We are also asking rising second-year students to step down from presenting. Follow-ups to industrial liaisons will be sent ASAP once the brochure and schedule are finalized. The abstract book cover draft is also done and the lunch menu has also been changed. Furthermore, the keynote speaker has been contacted for his bio and photo and has emailed his bio and photo. A Hotel Recommendations document has been made and we are awaiting a quote from iTAP about recording the symposium.

We need to decide how much the abstract and resume book access should cost and order name-tag supplies, bags, and folders. Also, we should pick a gift for the keynote speaker – either a

travel coffee cup or some coasters. All those on the board should also sign thank you note for symposium funding along with assisting with the resume book.

### **Vice President/Treasurer Updates**

Please fill out [events sheet](#) for all events

### **Communications Updates**

The badminton event, food finders photos, turkey run ad, and baseball pictures have been posted on all social media. The past board has given me full access to Facebook so I can sync all posts into one place. A document where we list events and dates so it's easy to track has been created and [it's right here](#). *Please do send me your pictures for the events so I can publicize them on social media after they happened. It would make them more active and people can see that we actually do stuff. Text me @ +1 717 856 3559 or email me. Anything works. I also have WhatsApp too.*

I need to make a post about the picnic, indoor volleyball, bowling, hot dog eating contest, succulents, the block party, and the mentor-mentee if need be. Also, I need to resync the calendar to the official one and add the link to the website.

### **First Year Representatives**

The mentee survey has been sent out and will send mentors to the 2nd and 3rd years. The list must be confirmed with Bev and she will be cc'ed on all first emails. Frequent questions such as moving/rentals, international specific, and registration will be communicated.

### **Safety Updates**

The feedback email for the safety committee meeting Friday has been sent out.

### **Social Chair Updates**

So far, only two people have signed up for hiking on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sports Chair Updates**

The Badminton event is scheduled for Monday, July 25 from 6-7 PM. The court space has been reserved and a flyer needs to be made for social media and Forney. Also, the event needs to be added to the calendar. The signup email has been sent this week and Anne has volunteered to run it. The Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser has been postponed to August/September after we determine priority after the symposium/talk with Dr. Kim. Moreso, we must also check on limitations on fundraisers specifically related to non-Purdue participation. Disc Golf has been planned to be on Monday, August 29, and a Hot Dog Eating Contest is planned to be on Saturday, September 17 with lawn games, bbq hot dogs for everyone, and chips. Indoor Volleyball is planned to be on October 24 and bowling is planned to be on November.

## **President Update**

There is a new link tree for [all things GSO](#). We also need to discuss initiatives after the symposium and amendments to the GSO constitution, especially with regard to the attendance policy.

## **Staff Advisor Updates**

For the qualifier committee in the last two weeks of September, we will assemble a panel of graduate students for help and provide comfort food.