



Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering



Minutes of Meeting – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization

Tuesday June 21st 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
Melissa Marsing

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

Meeting Start: 1:00 PM

Old Business

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

Symposium

The oral presentation schedule was finalized. 28 people are presenting and all info of them are in the workbook (Symposium\Symposium 2022\Schedules\Schedule of 2022 Student Speakers in the “Final Schedule” workbook). The abstract and resume templates are also sent and melissa is working on them. One of them is incomplete and a final extension is given until Tuesday, July 26. Anne is also working on abstracts. Five them are missing and a final extension is given until Thursday, July 28. The current list for the Poster Presentations is in this [link](#). Right now, there are 31 posters. The deadline for poster titles was this morning at 9 AM and 7 posters are without a title. They must be filled ASAP. There is a priority for speakers who have not presented yet and that must be communicated to the department. Follow-up Industrial Liaison Emails have all been sent with updated brochures. However, there is trouble with the registration site. Although it is live and working, we cannot see who has registered.

In terms of future items, we must decide how much the abstract and resume book access should cost, order name-tag supplies, bags, and folders, assemble binders with Bev, pick gift for the keynote speaker. Montgomery will send Michael email and macro materials for Judging recruitment. Also, we will generate abstract/resume books and binder covers by Monday August 8th and Montgomery will write an announcement about symposium. Emails to reps must also be

sent detailing the schedule, parking, hotels, and travel. Mahit will help out with guiding members about parking.

Vice President/Treasurer Updates:

Please fill out the [Events Sheet](#).

Communications Updates:

The calendar is resynced to the official one and the calendar link is added to the website.

First Year Representatives Updates:

There are 36 mentor volunteers for 36 1st years currently and only 21 filled out the survey so far. We are waiting until the August 1st deadline before matching and sending out intro emails.

Outreach Updates:

I have reached out to Murdock about scheduling the after school program and STEM night and I am awaiting a response. There is potential interest in having a STEM night in the fall and the spring.

Safety Updates:

There is a ChESS Webinar planned on August 29 called: Zebras or Horses? How a False Sense of Security Can Lead to Lab Accidents - Free ACS webinar. A lunch is also planned from 11:00-12:30 to accompany it. Montgomery will ask Dr. Kim if we can use the nicer conference room.

Social Chair Updates:

There will be an update posted for the Hiking trip on Sat. July 30th. A reminder will sent out tomorrow. The Block party on August 26th needs to be planned with all 1st year reps. Location could be at the Launch and we must reach out to Dylan Fortney. We will have a hiking trip to the sunflower trails on the first week of September. An interest email to see interest has been sent out. A plant/painting night is also in the works for September 28th.

Sports Chair Updates:

Disc Golf is on Monday, August 29. This is a free event and we will provide drinks and snacks. The volleyball Tournament Fundraiser is postponed to August/September. Priority will be determined after the symposium in a discussion with Dr. Kim. Hot Dog Eating Contest is planned Saturday, September 17. This will feature lawn games, bbq hot dogs for everyone, chips, and cornhole tourney. Indoor Volleyball is on October 24 and Bowling is in November.

Staff Advisor Updates:

For the qualifier committee in the last two weeks of September, a panel of graduate students will be assembled to help rising 2nd years. There will be comfort food. For the first year picnic, the park is booked and the food is invoiced. For the Orientation student panel, available volunteers will be needed.