



Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering



Meeting Minutes – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Monday, February 20, 2023, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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

Attendees:

Montgomery Smith – President	Jiselle Thornby
Tyler Roberts	Kiruba Catherine Vincent
Dharini Varadharajan	Anne Serban
Angelique Klimek	Melissa Marsing
Annie Sun	Austin Choi
Ajay Harishankar Kumar	Bev Johnson – Staff Advisor
Dr. John Morgan – Faculty Advisor	

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- Jiselle (VP/Treasurer)
 - Event sheet is doing well!
 - ~\$675 more in account than one year ago
 - Tyler (Co-Curricular)
 - Posters for colloquium (17 so far, 30 slots total)
 - Dr. Clark for Truth and Beauty potentially
 - Not much PhD student exposure, would be a good opportunity
 - Want to host an event for “tricks” and tips for international students applying for jobs in the US
 - Austin
 - Flyers made for upcoming events (still a few ones left for events further out)
 - Send pics for events that Austin can’t be there for to post to social channels
 - Ajay (First year reps)

- Quote for GSO mugs chosen
 - "I liked things better when I didn't understand them." - Bill Watterson
- Kurt (Outreach)
 - STEM night participants filling up (March 21, 2023)
 - Solar rollers tentatively (most likely) cancelled
 - Good activity to bring to STEM night
 - Table solar rollers?
- Catherine (Safety)
 - Safety inspections ongoing for the next ~two weeks for REM/OSHA recertification (done by March 20)
 - ChESS to resume after March 20 – potentially two seminars this semester
 - Note: Acronym is misleading! Not just the seminar, but ChESS (Chemical Engineering Safety Seminars) is a whole committee
 - Need graduate students to help support ChESS activities (in the past under David Dean, was very difficult to get people to volunteer)
- Angelique (Social)
 - Movie night tomorrow (2/23, 3:30 – 6 PM). What snacks to bring?
 - Popcorn, cotton candy maybe?
 - How to decide movie? Decide before probably better than vote the day of?
 - Malibu Jack's finalized for 80 people on Friday of colloquium (March 3)
 - \$53.50 deposit, \$1883.20 left to pay on arrival
 - Other events
 - Picnic – April 22 (potential Earth day event conflict)
 - Angelique out on April 29, Jiselle will help organize if it has to be done after the 22nd
 - Hiking – March 25 or April 1, depending on weather
 - Research group competition set for April 15
 - Teams of 6 members each would be ideal
- Melissa (Sports)
 - Skating scheduled for next week
 - March Madness bracket (glasses as prizes)

- Anne (Student Advocacy)
 - Undergrads in some groups have unofficial “assigned” desks, may be taking up space that should be used for grad students/visiting scholars/postdocs
 - Potential for computational groups to have open/non-assigned desks since they often work from home
- Dharini (Sustainability)
 - Food Finders this Friday (2/24, second shift 2:45 – 5 pm)
 - Highway cleanup on Earth Day (April 22)
 - Arbor Day April 29
 - Maybe combine with picnic, trees in the morning and picnic afterwards
 - Seminar in the works
- Annie (PGSG)
 - Applied for Strategic Partnership Grant (\$750) for “co-sponsored” (as in, PGSG helps fund us but aren’t involved in planning the events)
 - Cannot be more than 50% of the total cost of the event
- Montgomery (President)
 - Same as last week, not stated in the interest of time
- Bev (Staff Advisor)
 - Colloquium: Michael + Ajay for transport for Thursday reception at Ross Ade Stadium
 - Montgomery and Jiselle meeting on Friday morning
 - Montgomery, Catherine, Jiselle walking them to PMU for poster session