



Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering



Meeting Minutes – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

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

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

Attendees:

Montgomery Smith – President	Tyler Roberts
Jiselle Thornby	Kurt Russell
Angelique Klimek	Annie Sun
Austin Choi	Melissa Marsing
Dr. John Morgan – Faculty Advisor	Bev Johnson – Staff Advisor

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- Jiselle (VP/Treasurer)
 - \$2000 from Sep. 2022 finally in GSO account, ~\$10k currently w/ another ~\$1k today
 - Ardagh Group (Luxembourg-based glass and metal packaging company) – have an Indy branch, want to get involved for symposium next year
 - Tyler (Co-Curricular)
 - Dr. Clark for Truth and Beauty – April 21st, 5-6 pm in FRNY G124
 - Needs help getting connected with postdocs for a postdoc panel
 - From Dr. Morgan: Get ones that are interested in academia (not all are)
 - Austin (Communications)
 - Nothing big, may be awaiting flyer from AIChE for March Madness event (Thursday 3/23)
 - Kurt (Outreach)
 - Murdock STEM Night tomorrow (3/21)
 - Arrive at 4:30 pm, 10 groups signed up (good number!)

- Solar Rollers Cancelled (state tests during the only time Kurt will be available)
 - Looking for opportunities for future outreach
- Catherine (Safety)
 - Kurt: More transparency for department safety stuff?
 - Safety protocol flowsheet added to labs without communication
 - How long to flush eyewashes for weekly? (5 mins apparently, but couldn't find posted in training materials, etc.)
 - ISP Recertification has been occurring throughout the last week, watch out for them
- Angelique (Social Chair)
 - No one came to movie night (even though 11 people said they would come through the poll)
 - Coffee chat tomorrow (3/21), Angelique won't be available
 - Kurt will brew coffee instead
 - Hiking for 3/25, going to be cold and raining (probably)
 - Push back a week for now to 4/1, will cancel if that doesn't work either
 - Picnic on 4/29
 - Will invite professors, ~~on Purdue Mall~~, have lawn games
 - What food to get for catering? Happy Hollow if they need grills
 - Will do at Happy Hollow to accommodate grills and space for lawn games
 - Either just do burgers/hot dogs, Outpost catering an option (but more expensive)
 - Research Group Competition
 - Sending email out today/tomorrow
- Melissa (Sports)
 - March Madness Bracket
 - Volleyball scheduled for 3/27 (Monday) from 5-7PM
 - Badminton scheduled for 4/24 from 5-7PM
- Anne (Student Advocacy)
 - Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award
 - Savoie – 1 nomination

- Boudouris – 1 nomination
 - Greeley – 1 nomination (no reason given)
 - Miller – 4 nominations
- Safety concerns/comments in anonymous form
 - Timing of safety inspections, some voiced frustration about having safety inspections before ISP forms were due (as in, safety inspections should evaluate lab spaces after research groups have had time to rectify any deficiencies)
 - Should have a portion of the first year safety course CHE 697 on how to keep lab paperwork in order (how to complete an ISP self-audit, hazard assessment, etc.)
- Dharini (Sustainability)
 - Food Finders last week
 - Highway cleanup on 4/22 (Earth Day)
 - Arbor Day (4/29)
 - Working on seminar
 - (May cut out some things if it's too much)
- Annie (PGSG)
 - PGSG inspected the grad lounge on 3/9 and were happy (also finally reimbursing \$1k)
- Montgomery (President)
 - GSO Constitution to be amended
 - Meeting attendance amendment
 - New DEI officer position approved
 - Bev: Be explicit for PMRI Master's students (they are part of PhD cohort, should be allowed to be elected)
 - Officers end term on May 14th, elections can be held at any point before
 - How to schedule? Want to do before finals week
 - In-person town hall avoids online multiaccounting, but low turnout

- Dr. Morgan: Have paper ballot voting on a TTh without a seminar at seminar time (people should be free), maybe bring them in with coffee/donuts?
 - **Elections set for 4/27 at 3pm as a required “seminar”**
- Angelique: Who breaks ties for GSO votes? Established president as tiebreaking vote
- Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award (nominated by grad students, chosen by GSO)
 - Kurt: In the past, GSO members couldn't vote if their advisor was nominated, a pool was created of all eligible members who met once and decided
- May do a transition dinner at the end of the semester
- Bev (Staff Advisor)
 - 16 students accepted so far (very early for this many acceptances)
 - Lots of feedback from students that colloquium was very good
 - Save things into GSO drive for future GSO members