



Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering



Meeting Minutes – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Monday, July 17, 2023, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Attendees:

Angelique Klimek – Vice President

Tyler Roberts

Zachary Beickman

Esra Ulgey

Juan Alban

Marisa Egan

Austin Choi

Isaac Wheeler

Begum Yuksel

Sarah Gustafson

Kiruba Catherine Vincent

Dr. John Morgan – Faculty Advisor

Bev Johnson – Staff Advisor

Symposium

- Oral presentation sign-ups closed, currently 13 presenters registered
 - Last year the rule to only allow a person to present once at symposium (throughout their whole time in the department) was established, but a few students are insisting that they should be allowed to present again this year even though they presented last year as well. Should these people be allowed to present?
 - Given the number of speakers being low this year and also being unable to find an email that explicitly stated to this person that they would not be able to present again, these people will be allowed to present and the one-time rule will be made explicitly clear moving forward.
 - Abstract/resume template sent to presenters
- Poster presentations hit 30 (the max)

- Have three posters on the waitlist, can admit all three of them if three posters are made double-sided and put in the center of the atrium “poster loop”
- Need to buy more magnets for posters
- Currently 7 group posters, which is a good amount (roughly same as last year)
- Should priority be given to smaller groups over larger groups with many posters from newer students? Ex. Ajay has already asked if a Basaran group poster would take priority over newer student individual posters
- Confirmed Industrial Representatives
 - Returning companies:
 - Air Products – Jeff Kloosterman
 - Eli Lilly and Company – David Pehlman
 - SABIC – Peter Johnson
 - Merck – Shankali Pradhan
 - Procter & Gamble – Patrick Stenger
 - New companies:
 - Dupont – John Hodul
 - Deadline extended for a week to August 7, will send one more email
 - A few companies have been in contact regarding various issues with registration (deciding who will be representative, issues with payment, etc.)
- Schedule coordination to allow for 14 speakers (Bev has already started)

Officer Updates

- Angelique (VP/Treasurer)
 - Events sheet made through Google sheets, please use (even for free events!)
- Tyler (Co-Curricular)
 - Back from out of country, no updates
- Austin (Communications)
 - No updates
- Ted and Esra (First Year Reps)
 - Currently 33 mentees and 38 mentors have filled out the form
 - Will send follow-up email for more responses

- 35/42 students contacted and joined the first year group chat
- For first year orientation during the week of August 14, have first year picnic on Monday 8/14 and some mentor/mentee social event on Wednesday 8/16
 - Probably need to reserve a space since that is also undergrad orientation week
- Sarah (Outreach)
 - Followed up with Murdock contact about
 - GSO closet cleanup this Thursday at 4 pm (will have pizza!)
 - Don't need too many people since the space is relatively small anyways
- Catherine (Safety)
 - No updates
- Begum (Social Chair)
 - Block party for Friday Aug. 18, usually at Launch
 - Catherine lives there, she can be our “resident representative”
- Mitchell (Sports)
 - Not present
- Zachary (Student Advocacy)
 - Theme: Uniting for a Stronger Future
 - GSAC reports need to be complete before meeting on Wednesday
- Marisa (Sustainability)
 - Will send a survey today or tomorrow about mug designs
- Isaac (PGSG Rep)
 - No updates
- Juan (DEI)
 - Will plan an event with Angelique to help organize logistical details
- Jiselle (President)
 - BOSO and SAO want to host a meeting with us to discuss procedure/compliance for symposium. A few items they did not approve of or like:
 - Booking Shankali's hotel with department funds and having our SAO account cover it before the APF was approved

- Need to propose 2-3 dates soon for GSO officers and other parties who will create events to meet with BOSO/SAO to ensure policy compliance
 - Likely just a misunderstanding with where reimbursement will come from (our department is trying to pay for many things directly rather than being reimbursed by SAO)
- Bev (Staff Advisor)
 - Nothing new
- Dr. John Morgan (Faculty Advisor)
 - Nothing new