



Davidson School of  
Chemical Engineering



## Meeting Minutes – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Monday, August 7, 2023 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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

### Attendees:

Jiselle Thornby – President

Angelique Klimek

Sarah Gustafson

Austin Choi

Esra Ulgey

Begum Yuksel

Dr. John Morgan – Faculty Advisor

Tyler Roberts

Isaac Wheeler

Kirbua Catherine Vincent

Juan Alban Dominguez

Zachary Beickman

Bev Johnson – Staff Advisor

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### Symposium

- 14 presenters signed up for oral presentations
  - Abstracts and Resumes all collected!
  - Book is compiled, TOC and Welcome Letter needed still
- 34 posters (up from original max of 30)
  - Will have double-sided poster boards in the center of the atrium to accommodate the extra four posters
- 9 industrial reps for 5 returning companies confirmed, 1 rep for 1 new company (Dupont) confirmed
  - 3M is going through a major spinoff this year and is not currently recruiting, but they still want to come.
    - It was debated whether GSO should comp this rep's visit. It had been discussed between a few members and an external faculty member

previously. GSO agreed to comp this rep, while also making clear to the rep and external faculty member that this will not set a precedent for future Symposia.

- Keynote speaker – Shankali Pradhan (also an industrial rep for Merck)
  - Bio and headshot have been received
  - Gift for keynote purchased (Purdue tumbler and journal)
- Judge coordinating is complete
- Presentation schedule has been completed by Bev
  - Some small adjustments were made, such as removing the break in the afternoon presentation sessions as there are only three speakers in each room (meaning only one speaker would be after the break)
- Industrial reps likely finalized, will check tomorrow for any last-minute signups (as the deadline is today)
- There were some new fees associated with the Rat Pak venue for the mixer and Thursday dinner.
  - \$350 damage deposit (like a security deposit?)
  - Certain price requests can only be placed 3-5 days before the event, but certain fees seem to be necessary immediate requests
  - This will be sorted out this week, along with payment logistics

#### Officer Updates

- Angelique (VP/Treasurer)
  - Fill out the event sheet!!
- Tyler (Co-Curricular)
  - No updates
- Austin (Communications)
  - No updates
- Ted and Esra (First Year Reps)
  - Today or tomorrow, mentor/mentee pairings will be announced
  - First year orientation week has been planned
- Sarah (Outreach)

- Still no response from Murdock, will call instead of text (Kurt warned that this was to be expected)
  - Will be scheduled on Boilerlink once scheduling is completed
- GSO closet cleanup was conducted
  - Three boxes of previous years' mugs taking up space (2020, 2021, 2022).  
Will try to give them away to save space
- Catherine (Safety)
  - Safety seminar scheduled for the last week of August (likely, currently pending)
- Begum (Social Chair)
  - Will order Chipotle for the block party on Friday, Aug. 18 at Launch Apartments
    - Catherine will be the “resident sponsor” for the bathroom key fob
    - Get in contact with GSno to get kegs (Melissa Marsing)
- Mitchell (Sports)
  - Not present
- Zachary (Student Advocacy)
  - This year's GSAC theme: Uniting for a Stronger Future
  - Received an extension for the funding report and will have it done by Friday
  - Still need a list of events (Angelique: please update the event sheet this week!)
- Marisa (Sustainability)
  - Not present
- Isaac (PGSG Rep)
  - Officially appointed to PGSG!
- Juan (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)
  - Modified the DEI survey to make it easier to complete, it was filled out
- Jiselle (President)
  - August GSO monthly email will be sent out soon
  - Meeting with SAO on Aug. 30 or 31 in the afternoon
    - Desired attendees: Jiselle, Angelique, Bev, Robin(?), Dr. Morgan, Begum, anyone else who has to fill out APFs often
- Bev (Staff Advisor)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year orientation is next week

- Monday: 10:30 – 11:30 AM is for GSO introductions, FRNY building tour, lunch immediately afterwards (picnic!)
  - Some GSO officers should help escort the students, ride w/ students in the bus, etc.
- Qual Panel for after the 2<sup>nd</sup> years will be organized by Austin
  - Find 5-6 total people from different groups, different years, etc. to offer advice for the 2<sup>nd</sup> years
- Dr. Morgan (Faculty Advisor)
  - Send out time for bi-weekly meetings for Fall 2023