



Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering



Meeting Minutes – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Monday, September 11, 2023 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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

Attendees:

Jiselle Thornby – President

Tyler Roberts

Angelique Klimek

Isaac Wheeler

Sarah Gustafson

Ted Kim

Austin Choi

Esra Ulgey

Begum Yuksel

Zachary Beickman

Dr. John Morgan – Faculty Advisor

Bev Johnson – Staff Advisor

Symposium Reflections

- Feedback from Industrial Reps
 - The presentation were good. As an industrial rep, felt that the talks were geared towards academic crowds with very precise understanding of the science. While I understand most presentations, I felt there was not enough crossfunctional context. I felt some of the postdocs should also be included here
 - Keynote address was well organized and there was plenty of time for questions.
 - Keynote was good early career advice for students
 - Sessions were well organized and run.
 - Liked that there seemed to be more younger poster presenters. Did not like timing errors in the morning
- General feedback (from Tyler)
 - Send out list of industrial reps a lot earlier so presenters have time to research companies

- Some industrial reps stressed that we need to follow the oral presentation schedule more strictly, as some presentations got off schedule so reps missed the ones they wanted to attend
- Things that went well
 - Policing the lunch at Symposium (are there things we can do to mitigate instances of non-Symposium-involved people from getting food?)
 - In a separate room? G140?
 - Fit a lot more posters this year, double-sided poster board worked out well
 - Dinner + mixer went well
 - Bring dishes to take leftovers since Outpost did not provide them
 - Proctoring instructions were clear
 - Photo package was appreciated
 - Perhaps look into using the department camera/a nicer camera for next time?
- Things to improve
 - Set up the lunch food in a separate room like G140
 - How to ensure that all posters have a sufficient number (>3 or so) of posters? Pre-assign judges to posters for scoring?
 - With ~30 posters and ~10 ish judges, would be 7-8 or posters per judge
 - Do assignments of judges to posters ahead of time
 - Print presentation judging cards ahead of time
- **Future Symposium Tasks**
 - Begin recruiting next year's Symposium Keynote Speaker
 - Kimberly Underhill – B.S. ChE (Purdue) '87, Kimberly Clark Global President
 - Ask your PIs for Keynote candidates!
 - Other Post-Symposium closure items
 - Sent a thank-you email to industrial reps
 - Digital copy of abstract + resume books to industry reps
 - Media package sent (some bounced because of file size restrictions, but will be taken care of)

- Conferences registration site is CLOSED, and the income earned will be transferred soon – currently waiting to hear back from Mercedes

Officer Updates

- Angelique (VP/Treasurer)
 - Fill out the event sheet!!
 - Need address and receipts to get reimbursed
- Tyler (Co-Curricular)
 - Waiting for info on IAC (industrial advisory council) poster session
 - I will be sending out a signup for posters, ASAP (as in RIGHT NOW)
 - Influencing without Authority Presentation by Bev Mentzer
 - 9/18 at 4 pm in FRNY G124
 - Food provided (JJs)
- Austin (Communications)
 - GSO Qual Panel now scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21, at 3 pm in FRNY G140
 - Will get Insomnia Cookies
 - Looking for 6-8 panelists
 - Currently: Austin, Isaac, Jiselle
 - Gabriela will be making a department Sustainability committee, all members of GSO are welcome to join
- Ted and Esra (First Year Reps)
 - Project spreadsheet has been sent (for advisor selection)
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oQdNLOi1uXtXq4kChFgbM9nFOHS9n6NTui6U6ROjFK4/edit#gid=0>
 - There is a conflicting spreadsheet made by one of the first years, need to resolve and make sure that students are directed to the correct sheet
- Sarah (Outreach)
 - Murdock event flagged by SAO, finally resolved and approved today
 - Will begin on October 16
 - Proposed an extended GSO term

