



Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering



Meeting Minutes – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Monday, October 23, 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
Juan Alban	Kiruba Catherine Vincent
Sarah Gustafson	Ted Kim
Austin Choi	Esra Ulgey
Begum Yuksel	Zachary Beickman
Dr. John Morgan – Faculty Advisor	Bev Johnson – Staff Advisor

Officer Updates

- Angelique (VP/Treasurer)
 - Current balance: a little bit less than \$12,000
 - Considering a fundraising event? Tyler: Supposedly some demand for the old ChE crewnecks, can consider a clothing sale?
 - As always, fill out the event sheet!
- Tyler (Co-Curricular)
 - No updates
- Austin (Communications)
 - Reimbursement for the qual panel received
 - (Non-GSO specific) RightCycle event this Wednesday (10/25)
 - Will get pictures from Begum’s cookie decorating event from Bev to post on social media pages

- Ted and Esra (First Year Reps)
 - Most first-years have decided what groups they will be submitting for group selection. Some specific funding questions for a few first-years, but most are settled.
- Sarah (Outreach)
 - Murdock is going well, but volunteer numbers are a little bit low for the current Murdock class size.
 - Would want at least two additional volunteers (Sarah + two others)
 - Open-ended discussion topic – the transition to electronic ID cards. Some concerns have been vocalized about card access to rooms in FRNY.
 - Currently the transition away from physical ID cards is happening only with undergrads. Grad students should still be getting physical ID cards for the time being.
- Catherine (Safety)
 - No safety concerns reported through the link
 - There were chemical-resistant gloves on the old wing first floor, if any concerns have been found then please report to safety committee
- Begum (Social Chair)
 - Cookie decoration event held last week, a success! High attendance (~45-50 people)
 - Next event: Christmas/holiday decoration event (cookies again?) planned for sometime around Thanksgiving. Perhaps will make this one registration-limited, in anticipation of this being a slightly more expensive event
 - Will work with Jiselle/Angelique to figure out logistics through Boilerlink
 - Angelique: Suggested a Friendsgiving event? Potluck-style event for grad students
 - Painting event – November 15th
- Mitchell (Sports)
 - Has resigned his position from GSO
 - Will be splitting Sports Chair responsibilities amongst other GSO members until the end of the semester (Sarah, Zacharay, etc.)

- Zachary (Student Advocacy)
 - ChE GSO presenting at GSAC in December
 - Got a question asking about when sports events will happen
- Marisa (Sustainability)
 - Wants to host a Food Finders event on Nov. 10th from 2:45-5 pm
 - RightCycle event on Wednesday, please register! One safety officer from each group should be in attendance.
- Isaac (PGSG Rep)
 - PGSG is (still) meeting! Accepting feedback regarding grad student life to discuss at senate meeting
- Juan (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)
 - Met with AIChE, ChE department-wide DEI committee ~two weeks ago.
 - Motion to do joint events (one in the fall, one in the spring)
 - International snack tour?
 - Co-host between GSO and AIChE, Nov. 20th (Monday of Thanksgiving week) from 5-7 pm (tentative)
 - Payment: Instead of splitting both the fall and spring events, GSO will pay for the fall event and AIChE will pay for the spring event
 - Diwali event? ~1.5 weeks before Thanksgiving this year.
- Jiselle (President)
 - AIChE Grad School Life Q&A this Wed. (10/25) 6-7 pm, FRNY B124
 - Answer questions about application process and grad school life
 - Food will be provided
 - Confirmed attendees (please attend if you can!):
 - Sarah, Zachary, Jiselle, Ted, Esra, Begum
 - RightCycle Program Launch in ChE this Wed. (10/25) 12-1 pm, FRNY Atrium
 - AIChE TV Show Game Night – GSO is invited
 - WALC 3132 on Nov. 30th from 7:15 – 8:15 pm
 - Please let Jiselle know if you will be missing a GSO meeting!
- Bev (Staff Advisor)

- Kimberly Underhill has been confirmed as the keynote speaker for next year's Symposium
- Dr. Morgan (Faculty Advisor)
 - No updates