

Meeting Minutes – Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Monday, November 20, 2023 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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

Attendees:

Jiselle Thornby – President

Angelique Klimek

Sarah Gustafson

Austin Choi

Begum Yuksel

Zachary Beickman

Dr. John Morgan – Faculty Advisor

Sarah Finch – 1st Year Grad Student

Tyler Roberts

Isaac Wheeler

Kiruba Catherine Vincent

Ted Kim

Esra Ulgey

Bev Johnson – Staff Advisor

Dr. Zhenhua Zeng – President, Purdue
Toastmasters

Officer Updates

- Angelique (VP/Treasurer)
 - Balance ~\$12,000
 - Merch ideas for a clothing fundraiser:



- Polos:



○ Sweatshirt:

○ Collared shirt:



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Red Kap Lab Coat

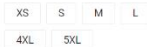
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CHANGE PRODUCT

Available Colors



Available Sizes



Description

This polyester/cotton lab coat incl. pocket, and two lower pockets. It is

○ Lab coat:

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○ Logo ideas:

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- Tyler (Co-Curricular)
 - Reached out to some people for planning events, have not gotten any replies
 - Particularly wants to hear back from Prof. Greeley
 - Will likely need to push back the Future Faculty event to next semester
- Austin (Communications)
 - Please send event pictures to get posted!
- Ted and Esra (First Year Reps)
 - Concerns have been raised from a few first year students about their advisor matching
 - In the future, emphasize the importance of using the spreadsheet for coordinating advisor selection
- Sarah (Outreach)
 - Sports events:
 - Volleyball went well! Not very highly attended but ran smoothly
 - Propose to change the ice skating event to be a joint roller skating + ice skating event, as a backup in case ice skating falls through
 - Murdock:
 - December 4th is the last meeting of the semester
 - Struggling a bit for volunteers currently
 - Suggestion from Begum: Send more frequent update emails to the department to remind them
 - Suggestion from Bev: Have GSO members be backup visitors
- Catherine (Safety)
 - Concerns with Indiana Oxygen scheduling were brought up at the safety committee meeting, but it was resolved within the next week
 - EHS Safety Webinar that was planned for this semester will be pushed back to next semester, which will begin with the usual office cleanup
- Begum (Social Chair)
 - Craft painting event was held last week, went well! Slightly less attendance than last time due to unforeseen circumstances (defenses and office hours being held during the same time)

- Mitchell (Sports)
 - Chair vacated
- Zachary (Student Advocacy)
 - No additional updates
- Marisa (Sustainability)
 - At a meeting
- Isaac (PGSG Rep)
 - PGSG is doing the usual thing, always interested in feedback regarding transport and housing
- Juan (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)
 - Out making a turkey for the GSO-AIChE Friendsgiving event later today!
- Jiselle (President)
 - Reminder to use BoilerLink/SAO for event creation and approval!
 - If you need help with logistics, please let Jiselle know! Very important for event bookkeeping and midyear funding reports!
 - Use an Outlook calendar invite w/ attached flyer to encourage attendance and better gauge potential attendance
 - Winter Town Hall – proposed date of Thursday, December 7 from 3-4:15 pm in G140
- Bev (Staff Advisor)
 - No updates
- Dr. Morgan (Faculty Advisor)
 - No updates

Invited Guest Speakers

- Dr. Zhenhua Zeng, President of Purdue Toastmasters
 - Looking to recruit more chemical engineering graduate students into Toastmasters, an organization dedicated to building leadership, public speaking, and presentation skills

- Currently, meetings are held weekly on Fridays from 12-1 pm in FRNY 3059 (or via Zoom). Meeting format is typically club members giving short (5-7 minute) prepared speeches, then receiving feedback on their presentation
- How can Toastmasters build their “brand” at Purdue?
 - Can possibly host a department-wide event through GSO to do a sort of “demo” Toastmasters meeting to attract interest for grad students in the department that may not have been aware of Toastmasters before
 - Toastmasters should also strongly consider reaching out to the PMP students, especially at the beginning of the semester (to have those interested be members for their entire time within the program)
- Sarah Finch, First Year Graduate Student
 - Pitching two social events to GSO
 - Department Nerf gun fight
 - Concerns regarding safety, timing, specificity of event were brought up. This event can likely be incorporated as a sub-event of the Second Annual Research Rumble next semester
 - Snowflake folding/cutting event
 - This one seems very doable, especially if paired with hot chocolate or something similar. Prepared snowflakes can be used to decorate the grad lounge or dungeon