



EGSC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 30th, 2016

Meeting Location: Weil 365

Recorded By: Hannah Gardiner

Meeting Start: 3:00 pm

Meeting End: 4:00 pm

Attendance: Wes Bolch, Mike Nazareth, Julissa Nunez, Morgan Harding, Madeline Sciallo, Hannah Gardiner, Ian Hahus, Oscar Figueroa, Rommel Pabon, Nalini Kumar, Elaine Yan, Colin Paulbeck, Deja Jackson, Olivia Lanier, Regina Rodriguez, Allison Goins, Scott Strednack, Marvin Andujar, Casey Barnard, Mitzi Dennis

Agenda:

Sign in and grab food. Chair, Morgan Harding, will call the meeting to order.

Chair:

- Going to start adding reps from other Grad organizations in the COE
 - NSBE – National Society of Black Engineers
 - SHPE – Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
 - SWE – Society of Women in Engineering
 - Chapter at UF is mostly undergrad but nationally includes everyone (undergrad, grad, professionals, etc.) and UF chapter is trying to get more grad student involvement
 - OSTEM – we are looking into adding someone from this organization if they have a graduate presence
- Future meeting idea – how to get travel grants from GSC and other organizations
- Can we, as the COE or EGSC, start to offer travel grants?
 - There seems to be bias by the GSC against the students in the COE
- Up to individual department representatives to go to GSC meetings so that their department's grad students can get travel funding
 - Alternatively, if you show up (if you're not the official rep) you can still have access to the travel grants
 - There's a good chance if you aren't getting travel grants from GSC it's because someone from your department isn't showing up to GSC meetings
- Office of Research has travel grants
- Benton Engineering Council caters to undergrads primarily
- Create a newsletter article on how to get travel money
- Statistics Resources
 - Go to UF Apps and log in for all sorts of applications that help with this
 - Free for students
 - There is no central resource center or workshop that can help with this
 - Some departments have classes specific for their majors on statistics
- Cheating issue
 - We are creating a template for the UF honor code that professors can use as a cover page for tests



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- We can host a town hall forum for people to come and to talk about cheating issues in their departments along with ideas for how to curb cheating
 - What cheating do people observe? How can it be dealt with?

Vice-Chair:

- Social! Woووو!!!!
- LASER TAG! FOOD! DRIKS! Oh my!
 - Thursday December 8th from 7:30-9:30ish
 - Will organize rides
- There is still money left in the budget for t-shirts – most likely won't have them until Spring
- Need help with designing it

Recruitment-Chair:

- Spring Recruitment Committees
- Packets and Prizes – Ian, Deja, and Allison
 - What goodies are we giving to the Spring Recruitment
 - Time sensitive – needs to be taken care of ASAP, before Christmas!
 - Work with Julissa and Marketing and Communications office
- Thursday Evening Welcome – Morgan, Scott
 - At Midtown Social (previously Gator City)
 - We need to pick a spot, we don't get the whole venue
 - Need to figure out food and drink tickets and the logistics of how we get all of this done
- Sunday Brunch – Hannah,
 - In the Champions Club in the stadium
 - Need volunteers to help set up either Friday evening or Saturday before the brunch
 - Need help with agenda, trivia, and finding a keynote speaker (this is in the works)
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- Walking and Bus tour – Maddie,
 - Saturday morning before the brunch
 - Path is laid out already
 - Need people to talk about the sites and attractions as you pass but you get to sit on a bus
 - Suggestion to add a second tour after the brunch to look at apartments and housing
 - Need to start thinking about which apartments
- Go ratify the GAU stipend increases!!
 - Plaza of the Americas tomorrow, December 1st, from 11am to 3pm

Dr. Bolch:

- IDP (Individual Development Plans) is now a provost-level initiative!
 - Document that will help students keep track of courses, seminars, webinars, workshops, etc. that will help you excel in your chosen
- Karen Ellers is the COE representative to this initiative



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- COE Newsletter will be coming soon. We have a collection of articles we can use to put a newsletter together next semester
- New Fellowship Model for COE
 - New money coming into the graduate school
 - Graduate School Preeminence Award (GSPA)
 - Upgrade from previous, GSFA that was \$25k/year
 - Continue to be split between faculty and the university
 - 4 year version
 - \$36k per year guaranteed for 4 years
 - 5 year version
 - \$29k per year guaranteed for 5 years

Mike Nazareth:

- Max 50 students for Junior Preview next year
- May add grad student poster presentation/competition
- Stats from JP2016
 - 97% of students enjoyed their Department visit
 - 100% will apply
 - 75% will apply and enroll
 - 100% put us in top 3
 - 80% in top 2
 - 60% as top 1
 - Check out excel sheet Mike sent out for full statistics
- SURF – Summer Undergrad Research at Florida
 - May 29th for 8, 9, or 10 weeks depending on the department
 - 17 offers given out, 11 accepted so far, only 1 rejection
- Spring Visit – February 23-26
 - Last year – 180 students
 - Year before – 160
 - Could be as much as 200 this year, will know in ~2 weeks
 - December 5th is Grad Application Deadline
- Research Institute top up awards are going down this year
 - \$4k one time award instead of \$6k one time award

Wrap up:

- Still having problems getting ESSIE Envoys incorporated with the EGSC

Action Items:

Everyone:

- Ensure your department has a GSC representative that goes to all GSC meetings
- RSVP to social
- Volunteer if you have t-shirt designing abilities
- Make sure your department has sent out Junior Preview postcards



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- There is a mail drop off box in the Union
- Your department can probably mail it too
- Email Maddie with suggestions with apartments that we could give tours of for Spring Visit

Next Meeting:

TBD when official – in January 2017