



EGSC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 18th, 2016

Meeting Location: Rhines 125

Recorded By: Hannah Gardiner

Meeting Start: 1:00 pm

Meeting End: 2:30 pm

Attendance: Wes Bolch, Mike Nazareth, Julissa Nunez, Morgan Harding, Madeline Sciallo, Hannah Gardiner, Ian Hahus, Oscar Figueroa, Rommel Pabon, Nalini Kumar, Yining Yan, Charles Hernandez, Olivia Lanier, Allison Goins, Mitzi Dennis, Rachel Kell, Scott Strednack, Casey Barnard, Andrew Stern, Kaitlynn Olczak, Ratna Suthar, Brianna Posadas, Gustavo K. Contreras, Trevor Tilly

Agenda:

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

Chair:

- Check in with Department Student Councils
 - ESSIE not represented
 - ISE is still trying to establish a DSC
 - Everyone else is doing well – most DSCs are hosting social and professional events
 - MAE gives scholarships (\$500) to its Executive Board
- Would like to compile a “best practices” document for DSCs

Vice-Chair:

- Fall Social went well – we did laser tag and had food
 - Would like feedback both good and bad
- T-shirts – Maddie has a proof for t-shirts
 - Trying to get Comfort Colors brand t-shirt. They're very comfy
 - We can wear them to the Spring Recruitment Social! ☺
- Intramural Sports
 - COE IMSports league starting up
 - If you want to do intramural sports but there aren't enough people signed up in your department, you can connect with other departments to make a full team
 - Now everyone can participate in a sports league
 - Share the Googledoc with your DSCs! Or directly email to grad students.
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15s930aPoBIY8cKR1VabZeCs_eJggEi38DMDs51C808/edit#gid=0

Recruitment-Chair:

- Committee updates
- Thursday Evening Welcome Committee
 - Went to The Social and have everything figured out
 - We have the upstairs area for us with drink tickets and snacks and outdoor heaters
- Saturday Morning Brunch Committee
 - Finalizing brunch menu – sticking to breakfast items this year
 - We have screens in the Champions Club for pictures and messages

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- We can rent out the jumbotron too for a message
- Potentially have a hash tag we could use and have a live Twitter feed
- Trivia is largely the same as last year but updated to reflect more recent stats
- The program is largely the same as last year
- Stadium Club opens at 9, food starts at 9:30, speeches start at 10:30, and it ends at 11:30
- Walking and Bus Tour Committee
 - Mitzi and Rommell added to the committee
 - Arlington Square, The Polos, and The Woodlands are the three apartments for the apartment tour
 - May switch out The Polos because they aren't excited for a ton of potential new residents apparently...
 - Walking tour is mostly just walking around and pointing out buildings that are relevant to grad students – two volunteers needed for htis
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- Prizes and Packets
 - Everything has been ordered! Yay!
 - Swag for all the new kids: wireless bluetooth speaker, sunglasses, leather bound notebook, pen, bag, water bottle
 - Swag for trivia winners: TBD
 - Will organize a Packet Stuffing Day, it goes very quickly if a lot of people volunteer

Mike Nazareth:

- 206 people have been admitted and invited(not counting ABE and ISE – but only expecting ~10 from them)
- 110 have accepted the invitation to come visit (185 came total last year)
 - Expecting ~160 this year
 - There is a national trend that less people are applying to grad school, opting to go straight to the job market instead, so this is expected and has not negatively impacted on the quality of potential new students
- Some departments have a second wave of admission after the recruitment weekend
- 70-80 students applied and admitted to 2+ programs
- If a student is admitted to 2 programs they will fly in that Wednesday night and spend the day Thursday visiting their 2nd choice department, but their program will remain the same for their 1st choice department
- We're not running any programs or events Wednesday night (no planned socials or dinner)
- Goodie bags are being handed out at their hotel instead of at departments on Friday
- Quality and diversity of applicants is on par with or higher than last year
- When we have a full list of acceptances, Mike will send out a spreadsheet to everyone with everyone's information and flights
- More students are taking us up on staying Saturday night so they can attend the apartment tours



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- Need volunteers to arrange a jog in the mornings
 - Can jog wherever you want – just don't kill the new kids
 - Will most likely be warmer than last year
- Two keynote speakers this year, Matt Bellman and Alina Zare
- Julissa will send out a volunteer request form to all 1st and 2nd year grad students to help add volunteers everywhere we need them

Announcements:

- Future Meeting Dates: February 15th, March 15th, and April 19th all at 1:00pm in Weil 307

Wrap up:

- SWE faculty chair person wants to have an all-female grad student luncheon thing – email Morgan or Mitzi if you're interested in helping out

Action Items:

Everyone:

- We need ideas on how to arrange all of the institutes in the Stadium Club during the Saturday Brunch
- If you really like your apartment complex, ask for fliers that we can include in the packets

Next Meeting:

February 15th at 1:00 pm in Weil 307