



EGSC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 19th, 2017

Meeting Location: Weil 307

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, Charles Hernandez, Olivia Lanier, Scott Strednack, Phillip Dixon, Casey Barnard, Glen Walters, Allison Goins, TJ Johnson, Trevor Tilley, Luis Vargas, Mitzi Dennis

Agenda:

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

Chair:

- Check in with Department Student Councils
 - ABE just met with Department Advisory Board
 - Depending on the department, the advisory boards for each department are mixed academic and industrial
 - MAE has separate meetings for mechanical vs aerospace
 - Concern that it was dominated by undergrad problems
 - ECE showed improvement from last year
 - Last year only 10 people showed up for elections, this year it was standing room only for elections
- Newsletter Updates
 - All articles written already
 - Career Resource Center
 - College Facilities for Material Characterization
 - Engineering Innovation Institute
 - Engineering Leadership Institute
 - High Performing Computing at UF
 - Will be sent out late May as a Summer Edition
- Academic Integrity (ie Cheating) Town Hall Policy Brief
 - Will send out the document from the Town Hall Meeting to entire EGSC to look over and suggest edits
 - Final document will be sent to Dr. Bolch, who will then send it out to the Dean and Department Chairs
- Elections
 - Nominees:
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 - Vice-Chair – Hannah Gardiner
 - Secretary – Kaitlynn Olczak and Phil Dixon
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- Results:
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- Proposal to add a Newsletter Editor position
- Nomination for Kaitlynn Olczak to be the Newsletter Editor

Vice-Chair:

- Social!
 - Overall good feedback
 - People mostly liked wine tasting
 - Suggestion that we continue to do similar stuff but at new venues (brewery tour next time?)
- Budget
 - We didn't spend our full budget this year
 - Voted that we use the rest of the budget ~\$130 to buy another 8 t-shirts to give to new EGSC members

Recruitment-Chair:

- Fall Enrollment
 - Numbers look good but a little lower than last year (although we're still expecting a few more in the next few weeks)
 - Already hit all of our diversity goals!
 - >40% acceptance rate from Spring Recruitment makes us one of the top Colleges of Engineering in the country!!
- SURF
 - May 27 – August 4
 - Mostly Fall 2018 Junior Preview students
 - Each incoming student has a faculty mentor and PhD mentor
 - Need PhD mentors for a few students
 - Will have weekly seminars
 - Wednesdays at noon
 - Want to do a grad student panel at some point, ~2 volunteers needed – email Julissa if you're interested
 - Need Social events sponsored by the EGSC
 - Would be weekly
 - Lake Wauburg, beach weekend, Disney World, high springs, etc
 - Concerts in Bo Diddly Plaza on Friday nights are free and open to the public
 - All after hours and on the weekends
 - Any ideas – also let Julissa know!
 - Suggestion that there is a survey to allow PhD mentors to ensure that SURF students are working
- New PhD Welcome



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- Last Year
 - 2:30 – 5:00 pm was for speakers
 - 5:00 – 7:00 pm was a happy hour
 - Comments: it went well last year
- This Year
 - Possibly Friday before school starts
 - Move: the happy hour to the day before (Thursday)
 - Keep: the same 2:30-5 speaker schedule
 - Add: Noon - 2:30 NSF Workshop
 - Dr. Bolch will poll the departments to ensure that no departments are already hosting something that Thursday evening
 - Suggestion to add research librarian talk to the program
- Mike will send out list for roommate matching list so current grad students can try to find room mates/subleasers from the incoming students

Mike Nazareth:

- In the next few weeks we need to propose our budget from the college for EGSC, Recruitment, etc.
- If you have any ideas, email Mike Nazareth

Wrap up:

- Morgan had her exit interview with her department coordinate and it went well and should be a part of the best practices for the college

Action Items:

Everyone:

- If you're interested in being a part of the grad student panel for SURF this year (~2 volunteers needed) – email Julissa at jnunez@eng.ufl.edu if you're interested
- We also need to plan a handful of socials for the SURF students too, if you have any ideas or want to help plan socials, also email Julissa at jnunez@eng.ufl.edu
- If you have any ideas on our budget (such that we must ask for more money) for the EGSC or for COE Recruitment, email Mike Nazareth at mikenaz@eng.ufl.edu

Next Meeting:

The Fall! TBD