

GSC Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2007

- I. Call to Order: 5:04 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: approved
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2007: approved
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President – Emily McCarthy
 - i. The First Friday Social in June was successful, with possibly more grad students than faculty in attendance.
 - ii. Emily asked Dr. Huntoon if the social would be on July 6.
 - iii. Dr. Huntoon said she would let Emily know when she found out.
 - b. Vice President – Lakshmi Krishna
 - i. Lakshmi thanked all of the volunteers for the First Contact program, especially those from ME-EM, EE, and Comp. Sci. who had a lot of new applicants to send e-mails to.
 - c. Treasurer –Madhana Sunder
 - i. Madhana presented the budget. There was a slight change from what was expected because of honoraria given in June. There were no comments.
 - d. Secretary – Karl Haapala
 - i. Let me know, or note on the attendance sheet, which committee you are interested in. Remember to sign in, so I know you are in attendance.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic-Rebecca Targove (excused)
 - i. No Report
 - b. Social – Iman Blyther (Heather Jordan, excused)
 - i. Iman requested feedback on having a “Summer GSC Softball Social” this coming Thursday (June 21) or next (June 28) at the East Hancock Pavilion. He is planning a barbeque, which has typically been informal at the ballfields in the past.
 - ii. He reported that food would be \$12/person from the MUB, with the need for GSC to prepare it; \$8/person from the Library, who would take care of everything; or GSC could probably do it for less if GSC members took care of everything.
 - iii. It was discussed whether it would be open to only GSC Softball participants or all grad students. The feeling was that it should be open to all, since GSC monies would be used.
 - iv. It was a consensus to ignore the MUB option, and discussion followed regarding the other two options. Nobody seemed willing to take charge of food preparation, especially with a potential second summer social and the GSC Orientation picnic. Purchasing pizzas was suggested, but the thought was expressed that hamburgers and hotdogs would give more of a summer softball feel.
 - v. Brian Ott reported that from his experience, socials typically run about \$800, including the band and food. This would be comparable to the Library charge for the number of softball participants and usual participation of grad students in social events.

- vi. The question was asked when the season would end. Iman stated that August 2nd is the first day of playoffs, with August 9th being the final game. After that, chances would be that people would be gone since it is the end of summer semester.
 - vii. Emily asked for a show of hands, and the majority agreed with having the event catered. Nobody was opposed, and a few were undecided.
 - viii. Iman said he would schedule the event for June 28, and get back to the council on what he figures out with the Library.
 - c. Orientation – Open Position
 - i. No report.
 - d. Lecture – Laura Walz
 - i. The committee is planning to invite a NASA engineer who studies life to present at the end of Fall term. They are also thinking to invite a speaker on the topic of Global Warming, or some other relevant issue in the Spring.
 - ii. They are planning about 6 or 7 Lunch and Learn lectures for the next year.
 - iii. Madhana suggested that a debate format would be good. Karl stated that there was a panel discussion at one time regarding the war in Iraq.
 - iv. Nathaniel asked what the committee is geared for, since he is new to GSC. Laura said they are typically geared to bringing in lecturers. Nathaniel thought it might be good to also include student researchers who are knowledgeable about a topic.
 - e. Public Relations – Casey Rudkin (excused)
 - i. No report.
 - f. Student Issues-Jill Witt (excused)
 - i. No report.
- VI. Liaisons – No liaison reports.
 - a. Graduate Tuition Reform Task Force-Nick Nanninga and David Tobias
 - i. No report.
 - b. Student Health Services- Emily McCarthy (Jill Witt, excused)
 - i. Emily reported that the committee is in the midst of discussions and will be forming two groups.
 - ii. Dr. Huntoon stated that Ingrid [Cheney] would be setting up a meeting with the MTU subgroup after July 17.
 - c. School of Business search-Kristen Maroney
 - i. No report.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. None.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Dr. Huntoon introduced the newest member of the Grad School staff.
 - i. Debra Charlesworth is the new Assistant to the Dean.
 - ii. Debra said she is open to suggestions for improvements to the Grad School webpage, which is one of her tasks. She also reported that the new graduate bulletin was just put on the web today.
- IX. Adjournment: 5:35 pm
 - a. Laura moved, Iman seconded a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

Attendance (Officers/Chairs appear first, Orientation Chair open)

Academic Unit	Voting Representative	June 18, 2007		
		Present	Excused	Absent
(Non-voting)	Emily McCarthy	P		
Mat. Sci. & Eng.	Lakshmi Krishna	P		
ME-EM	Karl Haapala	P		
Mat. Sci. & Eng.	Madhana Sunder	P		
Biomedical Eng.	Laura Walz	P		
Computer Science	Warren Powers	P		
For. Res./Env. Sci.	Jill Witt		E	
Humanities	Heather Jordan		E	
Math	Rebecca Targove			A
	OPEN	n/a		
Biology	Kristopher Nitz	P		
Biomedical Eng.	Melissa Roberts	P		
Bus. & Econ.	Katie Maroney		E	
Bus. & Econ.	Iman Blyther	P		
Chemical Eng.	Brian Ott	P		
Chemistry	Louis Pignotti	P		
Civil & Env. Eng.	Santosh Ghimire	P		
Civil & Env. Eng.	Adam Mickel		E	
Civil & Env. Eng.	Sanjeev Adhikari	P		
Computer Science	Oystein Thorsen		E	
Computer Science	Chris Brown	P		
Elec./Comp. Eng.	Shwetha Bolagond			A
Elec./Comp. Eng.	OPEN			
Elec./Comp. Eng.	OPEN			
For. Res./Env. Sci.	Carrie Andrew			A
For. Res./Env. Sci.	OPEN			
Geo. & Min. Eng.	Lorna Henney	P		
Geo. & Min. Eng.	Miriam Rios	P		
Humanities	Casey Rudkin		E	
Humanities	Nathaniel Gbessagee	P		
Mat. Sci. & Eng.	Nick Nanninga			A
Math	OPEN			
ME-EM	Reena Thomas		E	
ME-EM	Rohit Gujarathi		E	
ME-EM	Niranjan Londhe		E	
ME-EM	Chelsey MacNeill			A
ME-EM	OPEN			
Physics	Raghav Vanga	P		
Physics	Partha Pal	P		
Social Sciences	James Rudkin		E	
VISITORS and GRAD STUDENTS AT LARGE				
Academic Unit	Name	June 18, 2007		
		Jaqueline Huntoon		
		Debra Charlesworth		