

## GSC Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2007

- I. Call to Order: 5:10 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: approved
- III. Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2007: approved
- IV. Officer Reports
  - a. President – Emily McCarthy
    - i. Carol from the Grad School Office needs grad student volunteers for a round table discussion at the New Grad Student Orientation (Aug. 28, 3-4 pm).
    - ii. Website has had some updates including a planning calendar on the homepage. Emily will send out a calendar to the reps once it is firmed up.
  - b. Vice President – Lakshmi Krishna
    - i. Received the second list for the First Contact Program and sent it out to the First Contact Reps.
    - ii. Updated firstcontact-I email list. Lakshmi reminded First Contact Reps to email any questions to the list.
  - c. Treasurer –Madhana Sunder
    - i. The budget year closed positive \$4075, which adds to the buffer currently in the GSC account. Last year’s budget was \$30,270.
    - ii. The new budget year started on July 1, 2007.
  - d. Secretary – Karl Haapala
    - i. Julio Rivera (ME-EM) will be the Orientation Chair. He was Orientation Chair last year.
    - ii. Some academic units (ECE, Forestry, Math, ME-EM) have open positions. Some are due to the fact that officers and chairs are not counted against the rep allotment for their respective departments.
    - iii. Let Lakshmi know if you are interested in being a Liaison for the MUB Board. There may be free meals associated with this position. Laura Walz expressed interest.
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Academic-Rebecca Targove
    - i. No Report.
  - b. Social – Heather Jordan
    - i. Let Heather know if you have ideas for kid/family friendly social events.
    - ii. Heather went through the tentative list of social events for next year.
    - iii. One idea was a sledding social at Swedetown. Casey offered her home has a staging area.
  - c. Orientation – Julio Rivera
    - i. Julio went through the list of events, dates, and tasks based on last year’s schedule.
    - ii. There are sign up sheets for duties. Everyone should sign up.
    - iii. There will be a CD player for music at the picnic. Bring your favorite CDs.
  - d. Lecture – Laura Walz
    - i. No Report.
  - e. Public Relations – Casey Rudkin
    - i. Talk to Casey about articles and ideas for the newsletter.
    - ii. Casey will cover GSC Softball and Orientation for the Fall newsletter.

- f. Student Issues-Jill Witt (excused)
  - i. No report.
- VI. Liaison Reports
  - a. Registration Review Committee – Emily McCarthy for David Tobias
    - i. Issues are more relevant to undergraduates, such as getting locked out of registration and changing instructors.
    - ii. Talk to Emily or David if you have any problems with registration.
- VII. Old Business
  - a. None.
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Travel Grant Drawing
    - i. Presenting grants: Jeremy Rickli, ME-EM; Eric Minner, BioMed; Vikram Bapat, ME-EM; Ziyu Zhou, Physics; Zhen Chen, Chemistry; Derek Fultz, ME-EM; Kiran Khadke, ME-EM; Cynthia Weber, Humanities; Cory McDonald, CEE; Anne Mareck, Humanities; and Ming Ning, Chemistry
    - ii. Attending grants: Heather Wright, CEE and Mark Griep, ME-EM
  - b. Softball Issues
    - i. Casey identified three problems dealing with GSC Summer Softball: 1) the bases and equipment are in disrepair, 2) the field is in bad shape (someone twisted their ankle on a rock), and 3) difficulties with the PE teams (she suggested having umpires). Casey asked how she could make a change.
    - ii. Emily stated that the umpire issue is more difficulty. Casey said the use of coaches hasn't solved the problem. Last week, for example, she reported that the PE coach was using expletives toward members of the HU team.
    - iii. Emily suggested that GSC could spend money on new equipment.
    - iv. Chris made a motion to conduct an inquiry into the equipment, fields, and umpires. Heather seconded. All were in favor.
    - v. Casey volunteered to charge the effort. Emily said she would help, and perhaps Iman could provide valuable input. Madhana stated that issues about the field have continually come up.
- IX. Adjournment: 5:45 pm
  - a. Chris moved, Heather seconded a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

**Attendance (Officers/Chairs appear first)**

Academic Unit	Voting Representative	July 16, 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	P		
Math	Rebecca Targove	P		
ME-EM	Julio L. Rivera	P		
Biology	Kristopher Nitz	P		
Biomedical Eng.	Melissa Roberts		E	
Bus. & Econ.	Katie Maroney		E	
Bus. & Econ.	Iman Blyther		E	
Chemical Eng.	Brian Ott	P (Josh Carlson)		
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	P		
Elec./Comp. Eng.	OPEN	n/a		
Elec./Comp. Eng.	OPEN	n/a		
For. Res./Env. Sci.	Carrie Andrew	P		
For. Res./Env. Sci.	OPEN	n/a		
Geo. & Min. Eng.	Lorna Henney	P		
Geo. & Min. Eng.	Miriam Rios	P		
Humanities	Casey Rudkin	P		
Humanities	Nathaniel Gbessagee	P		
Mat. Sci. & Eng.	Nick Nanninga			A
Math	OPEN	n/a		
ME-EM	Reena Thomas		E	
ME-EM	Rohit Gujarathi		E	
ME-EM	Niranjan Londhe		E	
ME-EM	Chelsey MacNeill		E	
ME-EM	OPEN	n/a		
Physics	Raghav Vanga	P		
Physics	Partha Pal			A
Social Sciences	James Rudkin	P		