

GSO EC Meeting Minutes

*Prepared by Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Seredinski
August 19, 2016*

In attendance:

President: Ron Malone
Vice President: Justin Raybern
Secretary-Treasurer: Andrew Seredinski
2nd Year Representative: Connor Awe

3rd Year Representative: Mike Eggleston
4th Year Representative: Agheal Abed Zedah
5th Year Representative: Jiani Huang
6th Year Representative: Forrest Friesen

Meeting called to order at 10:02am

1. Administrative Matters

Meeting with Administrative Manager Randy Best:

Parking – in the near future, Randy will be sending an email to the graduate students about parking. Students will respond to this email to request night access to the Physics lot. This will be an annual process.

Grad Lounge – Connor will prepare a prioritized list of the furnishing needs of the graduate lounge and send it to Randy.

Machine shop – Ron will ask the Chair about staff availability to students.

2. Committee Appointments

Nominated previously (7/29):

GPSC – Mike Eggleston

Social Chair – Yingru Xu (forming a committee up to her discretion; cookie time organization, possibly involving first years, also up to her discretion)

Campout – Matt Meers

Ron will send an email to the grad students asking for volunteers.

Nominated at meeting:

Curriculum (2) – Andrew Seredinski, Jiani Huang

Ombudspersons (2) – Meg*/Reggie* (Forrest will ask), Panchali* (Connor will contact), Andrew

Election commissioner – Connor Awe

GSS (2) – Agheal (will recruit a second)

Colloquium (2) – Gleb Sinev* (Agheal will contact; both will recruit a second)

Recruitment – Aaron Mahler* (Connor will contact; forming a committee up to his discretion)

Computing – Hershdeep Singh* (Justin will contact)

News/Website – (Ron will ask about interest)

Faculty Relations (2) – (appointed by Ron)

3. All-members GSO Meeting

Ron will pick a date for the all hands GSO meeting. This will occur during the second week of classes during lunch. The day will be picked based on the schedule of the first year students. The agenda will include the introduction of GSO committee appointees, addressing concerns about the teaching of graduate classes, and taking topics and questions from the floor.

4. Other Upcoming Events and Scheduling

Tea Time: Ron will draft a list of weeks for Tea Time and send it to Yingru.

GSO Survey: There will be a pizza party for the class with the largest percentage participation.

Teaching award: Presented at the departmental picnic, the teaching award will be a framed certificate as well as a signed card from graduate students. Ron and Agheal will collaborate on the design.

Reading Days National Lab Visit: Justin is coordinating a trip to the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility to take place during Reading Days (October 10th, 11th).

Grads-Chair, Grads-DGS Meetings: Ron will establish dates and times with the Chair and DGS for meetings with the graduate student body during the Fall term.

5. Next Meeting

Unless there is a need for an additional one sooner, the EC will next meet during the full GSO meeting. Communication will be maintained via email.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18am.