MEAS GSA eBoard Meeting Minutes
4 November 2010
As Recorded by Secretary Joseph B. Zambon

NOTE: Action items are italicized.

• Convened Lunchtime Meeting at Ruckus in Mission Valley
• eBoard members present (5): Ashlee Lillis, Katie Pierson, Joseph Zambon, Rebecca Pirtle-Levy, Robert Dunn
• Discussed ideas for new merchandise
  o Water Bottles
    ▪ Stainless Steel
    ▪ Cost to GSA, $4-5ea + $50 printing fee
    ▪ Sell for $10
    ▪ Provider is discountmugs.com
  o Flash drives
    ▪ 2gb for $8ea
    ▪ Thought that 2gb was too small to be of interest to most students
  o Decided to sell off remaining inventory and pursue new merchandise in 2011
• 2011 Calendars
  o Calendar contest is upcoming
  o Send email to measgrads asking for submissions to the Photo contest (Joe)
    ▪ Set deadline to be November 20th
    ▪ Tell students to include a caption
    ▪ Require submissions to be from original author only
    ▪ Request landscape format and high resolution for printing
  o Aim to sell 2011 calendars during week of 29 November-3 December (last week of classes)
    ▪ Sell in lobby sometime during that week for 2 days
• MEASGRADS listserv
  o Decided to continue to use 1 list
    ▪ Setting up a “measassocial” list may cause confusion between events, problems with constantly updating addresses on both lists, would have to do through Google and not NCSU, possibility of spam getting sent.
  o Ashlee suggested setting up a weekly newsletter to distribute via the email list
    ▪ Will cut down on intra-weekly emails
    ▪ Sent during the early part of the week to encourage attendance at later events
      ▪ Close Happy Hour poll earlier in the week instead of Friday afternoon
    ▪ Ashlee has a template she will send to Joe
    ▪ Aim to send out newsletter on Monday, update website with info
• Documentary viewings
  o Robert volunteered to continue organizing viewings to show documentaries
• Looking to do on a monthly basis
  • MEAS Faculty Committees
    o Ashlee will look into the list of committees and delegate GSA members to serve to represent MEAS-GSA within MEAS
    o Ashlee will look into representing MEAS-GSA at weekly faculty meetings (as needed)
  • Website
    o Joe will look into getting a more prominent link on the MEAS website to the GSA website
    o Joe will look into updating the Student information page
      ▪ In the future we will provide space for students to submit pictures of themselves as well as their research websites
      ▪ Joe mentioned the addition of an alumni page so that current and prospective students could see where past students are currently employed
        • Alumni may be interested in serving in a mentor or hiring capacity for future graduates
    o Joe will post links to various forms on the website
      ▪ Travel Authorizations, UGSA Travel Funding Opportunities, Scholarships/Fellowships
        ▪ List by due dates for easy reference
      ▪ If you see a form you would like linked to the main website, please email it to Joe
        ▪ Joe will change the website tab “MEAS” to “Links”
    o Joe will look into setting up a Facebook page for the MEAS GSA
  • General Meetings
    o Due to lack of interest in past meetings, Ashlee suggested inviting interested students to monthly/bi-monthly open eBoard meetings and holding GSA General Meetings once per semester
    o Students will be invited and encouraged to attend informal eBoard meetings to submit ideas, provide feedback
    o Votes will continue to occur at General GSA meetings, assuming a quorum is present
  • Fundraising
    o Rebecca had discussed the possibility of using fundraising to cover students travel to/from conferences
    o Ideas included a 5K race around campus, “Run 4 Research”
      ▪ Discussed requiring a donation-based entry fee (i.e. Relay 4 Life) vs. a flat entry fee per person (i.e. Krispy Kreme Challenge)
      ▪ Hope to eventually raise more than $5K annually
      ▪ Post a form on a website for donations
      ▪ Gather sponsors
      ▪ Think of a fun gimmick to get people to run (i.e. Krispy Kreme Challenge, costume contest, prizes for best dressed relay team, etc.)
      ▪ Robert discussed the use of timing devices, hiring a company to take care of these details for runners to post their times
Graduate Symposium
  - Katie had said that Bethany from Biology was discussing teaming up with MEAS to put together a joint Graduate Symposium
  - Discussions included the use of presentations and poster sessions, allowing students to choose which they would like to provide
  - Formation of a committee to choose between abstracts and chair sessions
  - Try to keep organized but informal, light-hearted
    - Encourage students to participate, gain valuable experience in scientific speaking in front of a group of people without all the pressure of Seminar
  - Katie will collaborate with Bethany to get things moving
• Meeting was concluded