

MEAS GSA General Meeting Minutes

28 February 2011

As Recorded by Secretary Joseph B. Zambon

- eBoard present (5): Ashlee Lillis, Katie Pierson, Rebecca Pirtle-Levy, Joseph Zambon, Robert Dunn
- GSA members present (5): Michael Angus, Brett Gandt, Kara Smith, Walt Gurley, Laura Nagy
- Update on Faculty Search, Marine Microbial Biology Position
 - Search is ongoing but top applicants have been named, hopefully will be closed soon
 - Individuals considering faculty careers are advised to apply for future search committees as they give valuable insight into the hiring process
- Graduate student recruiting weekend
 - Department is spending \$10,000 to bring in prospective graduate students
 - Poster session is scheduled for Saturday (19-March) from 12-1:30p, volunteers are requested. Please contact GSA if interested.
 - Bowling social Saturday night (19-March) 8pm at The Alley on Hillsborough
 - 7 lanes reserved, department may provide for refreshments
 - Sunday brunch at Tir na Nog on Sunday morning (20-March) at 10a
 - Quoted price: \$11.99/ea
 - Will send an email requesting RSVPs, deadline will be set
- Student-run Seminar
 - 2011-2012 Speaker Series, scheduled for either fall or spring
 - Speaker selection, finalize nominees for general vote
 - Nominations will be sent in an email this afternoon for GSA members
 - Dr. Robinson may be inviting a student to join the Seminar Committee
- Graduate Student Symposium Committee
 - Discussed appropriation from University GSA
 - Ashlee and Robert were interviewed for their appropriations request
 - Approximately 4 minute meeting, asked which line item was most critical for our event
 - Given \$500 for boxed lunches
 - Suggest in future interviews to inflate one line item to receive maximum funding (e.g. \$800 for catering as opposed to \$500 for boxed lunches)
 - Positions to be requested include: Chairperson, Promotions, Scheduling, Social/Catering, Judging, Treasurer/Fundraising
 - Email will be sent to solicit volunteers
 - Tentative date: 15-August
- Happy Hour
 - Decided to create a default location for Happy Hour from week-to-week unless otherwise notified by Wednesday.
 - If you want to change the location of Happy Hour, email the GSA executive committee by Wednesday for consideration