

MEAS GSA General Meeting Minutes

8 September 2011

As Recorded by Secretary Joseph B. Zambon

- eBoard present (5): Ashlee Lillis, Rebecca Pirtle-Levy, Joseph Zambon, Robert Dunn, Matt Wilibanks
- GSA members present (5): Brett Gandt, Walt Gurley, Laura Nagy, Margaret Frey, Laura Lukes, Adeline Brym
- Ashlee Lillis called the meeting to order
- A number of changes were proposed to the MEAS GSA constitution
 - Several positions were offered to the GSA by the department, the easiest way to apportion these new duties would be by appending them to existing duties in the MEAS GSA constitution.
 - Additional representations include
 - Adding the UGSA representative to the PAMS Council
 - Adding the President to the MEAS Executive Committee
 - Adding the Vice President to the monthly faculty meetings and to the Graduate Programs Committee
 - Adding the Secretary to the department Seminar Committee
 - Adding the Treasurer to the Social Committee and as a Library Representative
 - Requesting nominations for future faculty search committees within the GSA
 - Addition of a faculty advisor to the GSA
 - Motion was made by Zambon, seconded by Gandt. Motion was unanimously approved.
- Nominations from the floor for MEAS GSA positions
 - President: Robert Dunn
 - Vice President: Walt Gurley
 - Secretary: Margaret Frey
 - Treasurer: Matt Wilibanks
 - UGSA Rep: Adeline Brym
 - UGSA Alternate: Brett Gandt
- Porktoberfest
 - Date: 29 October 2011
 - Joe will contact the University Club to reserve the Picnic Area
- 17-September Football game vs. South Alabama
 - Joe will be unavailable to organize a tailgate for this game
 - Volunteers are going to be requested to set up for tickets, parking passes, and the tailgate
- New business
 - Ideas for future proposals to use UGSA appropriations to fund a field trip
 - Discussions with space committee for a GSA lounge
 - Travel funding/appropriations through the department
 - Executive committee meeting with Walt Robinson, 3-August-2011

- Standardization of stipends, possibly correlated to increases in student fees
- Encouraging students to apply for in-state tuition