MEAS GSA Meeting to Discuss Introduction to MEAS Course Proposal
4 April 2012
As Recorded by Secretary Margaret Frey

- eBoard present (6): Michael Angus, Adeline Brym, Robert Dunn, Margaret Frey, Brett Gantt, Matt Wilbanks
- GSA members present (6): Rowen Argent, Jason Davis, Sean Gallen, Sofia Montalves, Keith Sherburn, Bryce Tyner

- New Business
  - Need to begin recruiting for the symposium planning committee
  - Need to plan the second MEAS End of Year BBQ
  - Need to send out a call for MEAS GSA-sponsored seminar speakers

- Intro to MEAS Class Discussion
  - Ideas for First Semester
    - Intro to dept./university/what is expected of you (vacations, workload, teaching assistant requirements) (1)
    - Introduction to college-level pedagogy (2-4)
    - Survival skills for graduate school (5)
    - Grant writing (in order to secure fellowships and scholarships, overview of funding sources) (6-8)
    - Research ethics (9)
    - Scientific and technical communication (10)
    - Poster design (11)
    - Outreach, trip to Nature Research Center (12)
    - Broad overview and discussion of each MEAS discipline (13-15)
  - Ideas for Second Semester
    - Journal article discussion (4)
    - Critical science – read proposals that got funded/didn’t get funded
    - Examples of grad. student proposals that got funded/didn’t get funded
    - Thesis writing/ thesis defense
    - Experimental design (and how this is approached by discipline)
    - Preparing a plan of work
    - Preparing an article for publication
    - Technical communication
    - Climate change discussion
  - Other concerns
- Credit hours and # of meetings per week
- Grading scheme – pass/fail
- Course instructor/facilitator
- Time slot that works with all student schedules