

MEAS GSA General Meeting
4 September 2012
As Recorded by Secretary Margaret Frey

- eBoard Members present (5): Michael Angus, Adeline Brym, Robert Dunn, Margaret Frey, Matt Wilbanks
- GSA Members present (7): Rowan Argent, Jordan Dale, Jennifer Glass, Ashlee Lillis, Doreen McVeigh, Kara Smith, Joe Zambon

- Robert Dunn called the meeting to order.
- President Dunn made a motion to change the constitution; the new constitution will be approved at the next general meeting.
- **The MEAS-GSA Constitution was amended in the following ways:**
 - President will participate in Executive Committee Meetings and Faculty Meetings
 - Vice President will serve on the Graduate Programs Committee
 - Treasurer will serve as the Graduate Student Social Committee Representative and Education Technology Committee Representative
 - The UGSA-Alternate Representative position was changed to 'Member-At-Large'
- **Old Business:**
 - First MEAS-GSA Travel Awards were awarded in spring 2012, funds were from departmental F&A overhead
 - 2nd annual end of semester party was well-attended, GSA provided food and drinks
 - 2nd Annual Symposium was a success, jointly participated with FER dept. (\$600 in appropriations acquired, only spent \$500)
 - 6 MEAS tailgates in 2011, GSA helped with supplies
 - MEAS-GSA finances have suffered no net loss from previous year
- **New Business:**
 - Inflated student fees are still an issue to all graduate students, new graduate students need to be informed of this expense before they arrive
 - The PhD written examination process is not streamlined across the department
 - Intro to MEAS Course – syllabus finalized, faculty sponsor identified, course paperwork needs to be submitted for a fall 2013 start date
 - An advanced PhD student needs to be recruited to serve as the TA for this course

- Outgoing President Dunn just submitted new appropriations requests for fall 2012 Porktoberfest and summer 2013 Symposium (new Student Senate protocol: need to request funding with two semesters notice)
- MEAS-GSA hopes to sponsor tailgates for 5 home games, the first game is Saturday, Sept. 15th
- There are two MEAS Graduate Student intramural teams – flag football and soccer
- The TA rate should increase for fall 2012 because of a state employee raise
- Possible fundraising for Fall 2012:
 - Calendars sold around the holidays – ‘MEAS Earth, Sea, and Sky’
 - T-Shirts, possible logo design contest
- 3137 will become the graduate student lounge, room has number code access
 - Furniture can be obtained at the NCSU surplus

- **The New Executive Board for 2012-2013 School Year:**
 - President: Michael Angus
 - Vice President: Jordan Dale
 - Secretary: Jennifer Glass
 - Treasurer: Doreen McVeigh
 - External Rep.: Rowan Argent
 - Member-At-Large: Adeline Brym