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