MEAS GSA General Meeting
2nd September 2014
As Recorded by Secretary Michael Angus

- Board members present (6): Doreen McVeigh, Seth Theuerkauf, Michael Angus, Rowan Argent, Steve Smith, Shannon Brown

**Appropriations:**

We discussed things to apply for during the fall semester, for appropriation money from the UGSA in the spring semester. The symposium does not qualify, as it is in august (technically fall). Apply Spring 2015. The end of semester cookout and a ropes course outing were raised as possibilities.

**UGSA:**

Steve has agreed to submit our budget and information for this year.

**Grad student elections:**

The re-election of the GSA was scheduled for September 9th, 1:00pm. Michael will e-mail the grad students to let them know.

**Porktoberfest:**

Date tentatively scheduled for November 1st. Options to reduce the cost include a brewing competition, raising ticket prices and buying ready made pork instead of buying the equipment to do a cookout ourselves.

**Department review:**

9-11 November, external reviewers will be coming to the department to assess areas we can improve. The grad students have been asked to meet with the reviewers. The form this will take is up for debate.

**Symposium Feedback:**

The Graduate Student Symposium was generally well received, and we got a lot of positive feedback. Some issues which came out of the follow-up survey were: 1) No full poster session. Have a set time for the poster session next year, and combine with either lunch, the reception, or both. 2) The reception venue is not ideal. Possibly, relocate to Jordan Hall or JH extension.