

Minutes of the 2nd General Meeting
The Society of Physics Students at Berkeley (SPS)
September 25th, 2013

Meeting started at 8.30 PM

Officers present: William, Nat, Dhruv

1. The First Faculty lunch with Professor Kolomensky is this coming Friday. Facilitators should think of questions to ask the professor. We also need people who can socialize to reduce the gap between professors and intimidated students, for future events.
2. There are members who have connections with the Philosophy department and WonderWorks: an outreach teaching science to kids. Members were informed that if they are interested in being a part of the board, they can find something to be responsible for and the committee can assign them a position.
3. Members were notified about the GRE Decal and are encouraged to take the class. The level of the class/test is presumably equivalent to 7C physics.
4. The lab tours at LBNL are in the process, updates will be announced soon.
5. The SPS needs more people to contribute to the course guides, which will be uploaded to the website. Suggestions were to mail physics majors or to make announcements in class.
6. There are a lot of past tests and lecture notes that need to be scanned. A 'scanning party' might be held in the future.
7. Regarding outreach, an Undergraduate Research Panel will be held similar to last year. We also need to create more activities and events e.g. problem solving contests.
8. The main fundraising will currently be via the snack shack. Stuff has already been bought, and Kevin will buy more this Saturday. Members also proposed finding organizations that are willing to donate to student organizations. We also will need to start a legitimate Chapter as soon as possible so that we might be able to ask for funding from the national SPS. Funding from the ASUC is difficult, but might be possible for meetings that are held elsewhere (e.g. this year's National SPS meeting was held in Germany.)
9. Future meetings will be held earlier and could be held at 375 LeConte instead. Access is possible because there is one door that closes at 8 instead of 6.
10. Currently Nat and Seth volunteered to attend the Bay Area Discovery Days event to be held at AT&T Park on Saturday November 2nd. Saavanth, Nick, Dhruv, and Manny might be available. Members who are available and would like to help out should email the SPS.
11. The website is currently not up to date. More officers should be granted access to edit the website. Members also suggested that the website should have stuff that makes it look more exciting, such as filming events e.g. faculty lunches and post them on the website. A Facebook

or Twitter page was also suggested, and the plan is to post interesting things as a blog post on the website and post links on Facebook/Twitter to lead viewers to the SPS website.

12. Current physics study groups are usually held at the reading room, the course center or the 1st floor of Moffit Library. Member suggested that specific times should be announced so as to connect more people within the classes together.
13. There are also SPS's at Stanford and UCLA, so we should try to connect with them and host events together e.g. meet ups or friendly competitions. We should also exchange ideas about running the organization. Regarding the long time it takes to travel, events can be held during school breaks or gaps when one of the schools are still in a break. For example Cal students SoCal can host events with UCLA during their summer break.
14. The date and time of the barbecue should be fixed, for example at 5 pm on Fridays because students had just finished their homework (Update: we talked to Claudia after the meeting and she said that it can't be in the evening because we will not be able to keep the equipment after 4 pm)
15. We're currently looking for new ideas of simple stuff we can make with the DEC. If you have any suggestions or questions, please refer them to Arsalan or at radars.berkeley.edu

The next general meeting is to be determined (probably on a Sunday).

Official Meeting ended at 10 PM