



EGSC Meeting Minutes September 16, 2011

Voting Member Attendance (19/26):

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I) Welcome to the new Department Representatives!

Brief introduction of EGSC members and committees. There are 7 officers, 1 senate and 19 department representatives in Fall 2011. We have 6 regular committees: Academic Affairs, Administrative, Budget, Alumni & Career, Social, and Interschool; 3 special committees: TEDx, Earth Institute, and Career Fair. Every member should sign up at least one committee, while two is recommended.

II) Budget Committee

a. GradSWE Recognition

The president of GradSWE, presented the club recognition application. GradSWE is applying for a fall semester budget total of \$500 for three events to entire Engineering school. During this summer, GradSWR has applied for recognition from EGSC, but they were getting some fund from their undergraduate branch. Now, GradSWE has their own group separated from the undergraduates, so it's eligible to be recognized by EGSC.

EGSC voted unanimously to subject GradSWE recognition proposal to an open, hands-up hands-down vote. EGSC voted to approve GradSWE recognition proposal and their fall budget.

b. Mayank Yadav Petition

An IEOR graduate student, Mayank Yadav, presented a personal requirement of a \$1000 funding for his attendance in the EIISS Conference. The conference which was said to be a worldwide event about leadership and water sustainability will be held on next Wednesday in Germany. EGSC concerned about whether this would benefit our Columbia Engineering community.

EGSC voted unanimously to subject Mayank Yadav Petition to an open, hands-up hands-down vote. EGSC voted to decline Mayank Yadav Petition.

In the future, if there are some great Global competitions, we will consider individual funds.

III) TEDx Columbia Engineering

All day event, on Tuesday, Nov 29th in Miller Theater. EGSC will provide manpower, resources and money (\$5000) to support this big event. TEDx is for schools to organize their own events, so we may consider people to invent and topic to choose. Engineering students will also get priority seats.

We want to make this a yearly event as columbia tradition. This will be the most visible EGSC event no only on campus but also the entire New York City. Now, we have no budget at all. So if anyone is interested in this amazing event, please join the TEDx committee!

IV) New York Cares Day

The event festivities take place on Saturday, October 15th, 2011. We strongly encourage every EGSC member attend this event. This will be a good chance to bond our team. Jonathan have set up a Columbia Engineering team for this semester's New York Care's event. However, people need to donate a \$20 administrative fee to participate. The good thing is that there is a discount for students for only \$10, and we will provide free social event at a downtown bar in that evening. So don't hesitate to join us!

V) Career/Alumni Committee

- a. VMware Tech Talk/Reception - 6pm-7pm on September 21, in Davis Auditorium, followed by a reception in the Carleton Lounge.
- b. Usually, Tech Talk takes place every two weeks on Wednesday 6pm-7pm in Davis Auditorium. Now we don't have any company on our October list. So, join the committee and help with contacting the companies!

VI) Social Committee

- a. Thursday Happy Hours

More than 500 people showed up in this Thursday Social. It was a great success! We will do this every two weeks on Thursday 6pm to 9pm. Also, we will carry out our "Sustainable Cups" and

“Student DJs” ideas. Sustainable Cups -- One cup for one student for the entire semester. Student DJs -- we get our own speakers rather than pay around \$350 for 3hrs DJ, which will save our money in the long run. Only thing to do now is more research in the price of speakers.

b. Big events

- Trip to Six Flags towards end of Sep. (may be with CBS & SIPA)

Pranjal gave the ticket information -- \$25 for group tickets, much cheaper than individual ticket \$48.98; bus cost is \$1000 for 54 seats. So every student will need to pay about \$45 for the trip.

Pranjal will put up the budget and forward to Chaitanya and discuss in details.

- Trip to Lucky Strikes (Bowling & Billiards) sometime in Oct
- Ski Trip towards Nov end

c. Regular events

- Poker Nights
- Cookies & Coffee

d. New Ideas???

- Fall BBQ
- Dave & Buster's

VII) Interschool Committee

- a. PhD Comics Movie - Tuesday, October 11.

Hours and place TBD. The creator of the comics will come to the event.

- b. December event with SIPA/Business/Law

It will cost \$10 or so for hot chocolate and other drinks. SIPA will have around 700 people, B-school will have around 500 people. More details to be discussed in the near future.

- c. CBS/CLS/SEAS Entrepreneurship Mixer

VIII) Regular meeting time for FALL 2011

Andrew will send out a Doodle and try to find the best meeting time works for most of us during the Fall semester.