



## **EGSC Minutes – September 30, 2011**

### **Voting Member Attendance (24/26):**

Andrew Kang	Badri Hiriyyur
Cathy Chen	Andres Uribe
Aishwarya Seshadri	Shihab Hamati
Yinghuang Ji	Vipul Singh
Sonal Shetkar	Abhinav Tallapally
Pranjal Gupta	Hanyue Hu
Chaitanya Rastogi	Vikram Joshi
Ryan Turner	Haofeng Lin
Xiaosi Sun	Shuyu Wang
Michael Lamprecht	Jonathan Barclay
Sonali Bhatnagar	Di Wang
Kevin Dooley	Qi Zhou

1. Dean Kachani and Dean Stark Visit
  - a. Cathy presented the 2011 academic experience survey response demographics that are representative of SEAS Graduate students. The 2010 results were used to be compared with
    1. Cathy pointed out the academic integrity need to be addressed
    2. Dean Kachani suggested to check with undergrads for this issue
  - b. Interaction between continuing and incoming students on a department basis
    1. Suggested bringing continuing students to orientation to provide courses information, career resources, and mentorship
    2. Dean Stark emphasized the quality issues
    3. Andrew said BME had its own student organization who linked continuing students and new students even before school starts
    4. Other departments make efforts as well, CS has a Facebook group, EE makes student panel while Environmental Engineering and IEOR not yet have anything
    5. Andrew said EGSC has worked hard at this year's orientation to make resources available to new students. Organizing 3 social mixtures are one of the examples

6. Dean Stark was still waiting for the feedback from the survey sent to students about the orientation
  7. Dean Stark suggested having a session of student panel before the add/drop deadline
  - c. Increasing textbooks reservation in libraries
    1. Dean suggested to invite the head of librarian to our meeting
    2. Science library will soon move to a new place, north west
    3. Need to check with other schools' libraries to see if they have a large reservation pool, could do the same as them
    4. Dean Kachani was hoping to make Carleton Lounge a bigger and more functional space. Actions in consideration including put tents permanently outside Carleton Lounge
  - d. New students having trouble searching for off campus housing
    1. OCHA website for house searching needs to be improved. CS students may help redesign website for OCHA
    2. Columbia website has been recently redesigned
    3. In next 18mmmonth IEOR would be the 1<sup>st</sup> department to move to a new webpage in order to attract more students. Any suggestions and comments are welcomed to share with dean
    4. Columbia housing department can't go further to reduce broker fee anything below 10%
    5. Dean Stark will talk with UAH regarding The Arbor shuttle bus services improvement
    6. Columbia students discount on MTA transportation.
      1. Columbia has to pay large fee
      2. Dean Kachni pointed out that further research needed to be done to find out the cost efficiency in collaborating with MTA
  - e. Entrepreneurial Concentration. MS vs. PhD
    1. Dean Kachani is actively working on it
    2. Will issue an interlogical certificate in Management/Finance
    3. 12-15 additional graduate points for anybody in MS or PhD program
    4. Will contact faculty members in Business School and get approved by deans from both schools, professors and administrative officers
  - f. Facility improvement at mudd building
    1. High cost on man power
    2. Survey on how students feel about it
    3. Dean Kachani preferred little effort on it
2. Social Committee
- a. Six Flag Trip on Oct 16
    1. 130 have registered, 20 on waitlist. Pay to Jessie by cash \$40 (\$50 for guests) on Monday
    2. Will check with Jessie how many are paid and send out the number
    3. Need to book tickets and buses after collecting the money
  - b. Midterm Study Break Oct 18-Oct 23

1. Add new stuff: cookies, muffins, coffee, juice
  2. Will submit proposal
3. Interschool Committee
  - a. PhD movie night updates
    1. Location: Davis Auditorium
    2. With 900 PhDs in total, 83 will go for this event, 17 of them are alumni
    3. Registration starts at Tuesday 10pm
    4. Andrew suggested for any future dean signature events, the announcement emails should be sent from key personnel's email box and should emphasize on subject line
    5. Consult on date and time next time. Dean Kachani thinks Monday and Tuesday night are best for alumni
  - b. CU Energy Mixer -Oct 7
    1. Off campus on 86<sup>th</sup> st. & Broadway
    2. With CIPA, Business School and Law school students