



## **Meeting Minutes September 9, 2011**

### **Voting Member Attendance:**

Cathy Chen  
Pranjal Gupta  
Yinghuang Ji  
Andrew Kang  
Mike Lamprecht  
Zen Liu  
Aishwarya Seshadri  
Sonal Suresh Shetkar  
Ryan Turner

### **I) Welcome**

### **II) Budget Committee**

- a. Society for Biomaterials Club Recognition
  - i. Siddarth Subramony, president of SFB, presented the club recognition application for SFB. SFB organizes industry and career-related events as well as community and academic outreach events.
  - ii. SFB is applying for a fall semester budget total of \$350 for two events: an industry seminar and a lab demonstration.
  - iii. SFB has received funding from GSAC, EGSC, and the biomedical engineering department in the past. If officially recognized by EGSC, they will continue to solicit funds from these sources as a means of supplementing the supplied budget, given that they are subject to a \$500 cap for their first semester of recognition.
  - iv. EGSC voted unanimously to subject SFB's club recognition proposal to an open, hands-up hands-down vote (9-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions).
  - v. EGSC voted unanimously to approve SFB's club recognition proposal and their fall budget (9-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions).
- b. Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Consulting Club Co-Sponsorship Application
  - i. The Entrepreneurship, Leadership, and Consulting Club is an IEOR-specific group that was founded 5 years ago. They hold 1-2 industry-related talks a month and other similar events for IEOR students.
  - ii. The ELCC is applying for co-sponsorship of one of their upcoming events that is aimed at bringing IEOR students together with other engineering students to exchange ideas for start-ups. The event will be capped at 40 attendees, with 20 from IEOR and 20 from other engineering disciplines. All attendees will sign non-disclosure agreements with the ELCC and like-minded individuals will be grouped together for private discussions with moderators. The most viable ideas will be handed off to Columbia Tech Ventures.
  - iii. Total cost of the event is \$500, half of which will be covered by the IEOR department. The ELCC is applying for \$250, and depending on the success of this pilot event, will return to petition for more funding from EGSC.
  - iv. EGSC voted unanimously to subject ELCC's co-sponsorship application to an open, hands-up hands-down vote (9-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions).
  - v. EGSC voted unanimously to approve co-sponsorship of one event, a total of \$250 (9-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions).
  - vi. The ELCC would also like to collaborate on a Tech Talk on September 23, to be discussed further later.
- c. GradSWE Recognition
  - i. GradSWE has submitted a formal letter from the treasurer of ABC officially confirming that ABC does not provide funding to the graduate chapter of SWE, and that any funds allocated by ABC to SWE may not be

used for graduate programming. The ABC therefore recommends that EGSC formally recognize GradSWE as a separate entity and provide funding.

- ii. The undergraduate and graduate chapters of SWE will continue to share one chapter number.
- iii. GradSWE will need to re-file their application for club recognition.

### **III) Orientation Week Recap**

- a. Comments from new EGSC associate members
  - i. Discount tickets were especially popular.
  - ii. Backpacks were great!
  - iii. For future orientation sessions, something must be done to stop students from leaving early.

### **IV) Academic Affairs Committee**

- a. Deans' visit in October
  - i. Deans Culligan, Pena-Mora, Kachani, and Stark will be attending EGSC meetings beginning the first week or two of October. They will be visiting EGSC the first weekend of every other month.

### **V) Administrative Committee**

- a. Website updates
  - i. Cathy will act as webmaster until a work-study student is hired to take over the position.

### **VI) Career/Alumni Committee**

- a. PhD and MS Fall Events
  - i. Alumni were given the option of attending whichever event they would like, regardless of the degree they actually received from Columbia.
  - ii. MS-PhD students will be given the option of choosing the event they attend.
  - iii. EGSC is being asked to chip in \$5000 for each event.
  - iv. PhD signature event – October 3
    - 1. Open to PhD and MS-PhD students, free of charge.
    - 2. A business casual event with alumni at Casa Italiana with an open bar, food, and music.
  - v. MS signature event – November 29
    - 1. Open to terminal MS and MS-PhD students, free of charge. Same details as the PhD event.
- b. VMWare Tech Talk/Reception – September 21
  - i. VMWare is hosting a networking reception after the talk.
- c. Microsoft will be coming on November 2.
- d. We are currently in negotiations with Apple.
- e. EGSC may start contacting companies directly. EGSC may organize its own spring career fair.

### **VII) Social Committee**

- a. Overview of past events
- b. Fall events
  - i. Thursday Happy Hours
    - 1. Speaker purchase
      - a. EGSC is looking into purchasing speakers and DJ equipment so that SEAS students can DJ the Carleton Socials. Any EGSC member who has knowledge/experience with DJing should provide suggestions.
    - 2. Sustainable cups
      - a. EGSC goes through approximately a thousand cups at every Carleton Social which is wasteful and costly. Alternatives to disposable cups should be considered for future events.
      - b. Suggestion: EGSC can purchase reusable cups that are given out to all SEAS students at the first Carleton Social, and that must be used for “express” drink lines at all future socials.
  - ii. Poker Nights
  - iii. Study breaks (coffee and cookies, etc.)
  - iv. Fall BBQ
    - v. Another Dave and Buster's event?
- c. Year-end signature event

### **VIII) Interschool Committee**

- a. PhD Comics Movie Screening + Jorge Cham A&A – Tuesday, October 11
  - i. This will be the first interschool event of the year. It will most likely be free for students but will require advance registration due to capacity restrictions of the venue.
- b. Uptown Event

- c. December event with SIPA/Business/Law
- d. CBS/CLS/SEAS entrepreneurship mixers

**IX) TEDx Columbia Engineering – November 29**

**X) New York cares Day – Saturday, October 15**

- a. Open to all SEAS students but will be used as an EGSC bonding event – all members are “suggested” to attend. \$20 donation is required to participate.
- b. Will be followed by an EGSC-only social event.

**XI) EGSC Candidate Forum – Postponed to Monday, September 12 @ 2:30 – 4:30PM**

**XII) Next Meeting: Friday, September 16 at 12PM**

**XIII) Action Items**

- a. Any EGSC members with knowledge or experience with DJing and/or sound equipment should contact Andrew.
- b. Any EGSC members with suggestions on how the waste associated with drink cups at Carleton Socials can be reduced should contact Andrew.