



EGSC Minutes
January 27, 2012

Member Attendance:

Andrew Kang, Cathy Chen, Vikram Joshi, Annie Hu, Vipul Singh, Haofeng Lin, Zen Liu, Chaitanya Rastogi, Ryan Turner, Mike Lamprecht, William Qaqish, Hesam Parsa, Sonali Bhatnagar, Kevin Dooley, Shihab Hamati, Abhinav Tallapally, Kyle Wendler, Joyce Wang, Jonathan Barclay, Qi Zhou

I. Executive Board Office Hours – 254 ET

- a. Each executive board member will hold office hours for an hour/week this semester in the EGSC office so that students can come to our office to voice their concerns and ask questions.
- b. Any of the rest EGSC members who wants to set up office hours is also welcomed. Department representatives are also encouraged to do department office hours together if they want.

II. Incentive Program for EGSC Members

- a. The incentive program is developed to spark interest among executive board members and department representatives and to reward those who are consistently dedicated and active in all kinds of EGSC events.
- b. Andrew and Annie will draft a proposal and the Council will vote on the proposal in next week's meeting.

III. Committee Assignments

- a. All new and continuing members need to select three committees that they want to join and mark their preferences.
- b. New people who are interested in becoming department representatives are expected to come to the weekly meetings, volunteer at the socials, and be very active in all other EGSC events. The Council will evaluate their performances at the end of the fourth week.
- c. Each member will be assigned up to two committees and the first one should be their priority.

IV. Earth Institute Forum

- a. Try to reach out to EI again
 - i. Ellie has contacted her and she will get in touch with proper people and will collaborate with us.
- b. We will start a committee to prepare for the forum. The committee will have meetings and committee members may need to work another 1-2 hours outside

the meeting every week. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Andrew or Mike.

V. Academic Affairs Committee

- a. Survey Committee
 - i. The annual student survey will be distributed in March. Students who participate in the survey will have chance to win some prize, such as Kindle fire.
 - ii. We plan to specifically include questions on student activity fee in this year's survey in order to hear students' opinions on that issue.
 - iii. The townhall meeting will be on April 24, 2012.
- b. Dean's meeting
 - i. The meeting with the dean has been postponed to March 9, 2012. The academic affairs committee will meet and make a draft of the survey before that.
- c. Graduation
 - i. The PhD students will be allowed on class day in this year's graduation.
 - ii. We are working with the alumni office to prepare a graduation present for all the graduates this year.
 - iii. We are also trying to start the graduate student award this year.
 - iv. Starting this year students who are graduating in December may be eligible for walking in May's commencement.
 - 1. In order to apply early for graduation, students, including both masters and PhDs have to have fulfilled certain academic requirements and promise to complete 6-9 credits in the following fall semester. Jonathan has already sent out an email on the changes in application requirements.
 - 2. Students who wish to attend this year's walking should get approval from both their department and the office of graduate student services.

VI. Career/Alumni Committee

- a. Info Sessions and Tech Talks
 - i. We just had our first co-sponsored info session with American Express on Wednesday
 - ii. There will be more tech talks this year as we have already contacted some companies.
- b. GroupMe Tech Talk – Wednesday, February 1
 - i. We will not always make tech talks on Wednesdays so that people with different schedule can make at least some of them. However, we have already booked every other Wednesday in the system and confirmed some dates with the companies.
- c. EGSC alumni database
 - i. Both presenters at the American Express info session were EGSC alumni. In light of this, we came up with the idea to start an EGSC alumni database.

- ii. Jonathan has a complete list of EGSC people of previous years. Vipul will be in charge of compiling the information.
 - iii. There will be a speed networking event in February.
- d. Career Fair Update
 - i. CCE has reached out to EGSC, and there will be a small start-up business career fair in March
 - ii. Although we will not organize an engineering career fair this semester given the time constraint, we will still keep the idea of a student-run career fair in mind, and we hope it will take place in 2013.

VII. Social Committee

- a. Updates
 - i. This semester we will keep organizing small events. We will also organize some big events like the six flag trip we did last semester.
- b. Super Bowl: People who are interested will watch the game together in a bar. Will find a bar and send something out by Monday.

VIII. Interschool Committee

- a. Happy Hour collaboration with other schools
 - i. There will be a TC game night or some other event with TC around Valentine's Day
 - ii. We will incorporate activities in socials.
- b. MBA/SEAS entrepreneurship mixer – Tuesday, February 7