

EGSC
Minutes of the Meeting (01/25/2019)

Welcome to spring 2019!

Chair Updates

- I. Social Chair (Mark)
 - i) 1st social of the term on Friday, 25th Jan @ 6pm, Amity Hall.
 - ii) 1st PhD social to be held on 8th Feb.
 - iii) Planning to have more non-alcoholic socials.
 - iv) Like the last term, we should have more trivia nights and treasure hunts.
 - v) Proposals for the midterm social
 - vi) Reduce the cost of expenditure on boat cruise and spend more on the end semester social. And, Boat cruise to be shifted towards the end of the semester because of the cold weather.

- II. Career & Alumni chair (Joni)
 - i) Headshot session for everyone around early February. Timings should be around 1-4pm, between classes? Still Undecided.
 - ii) Attended meeting with the CPOs to understand the mindset there. The PDL discussions are very helpful.
 - iii) Planning new events this semester for everyone for their career growth. Some events are importance of social media presence, LinkedIn usage, how to write cover letters etc.

- III. Treasurer (Ashritha)
 - i) The team bonding event for the EGSC members to be in the 3rd week of February.
 - ii) More events to be organized within the proper budget.

- IV. Interschool Chair (Liliana)
 - i) Soon to have an event with GSAS.
 - ii) Could have an event for Valentine's day, for everyone, not restricted to just SEAS students.
 - iii) To collaborate with Teacher's college to volunteer for the semester out-reach program, helping in meeting with new schools.

- V. Communications Chair (Sowmya)
 - i) The new website should be up and about in a few days. Some new features are to be added there.
 - ii) There will a feedback column on the website for people to reach out to us with any complaints/suggestions.
 - iii) Mail will be sent out to the DRs about their headshots since we plan on putting their pictures on the new website too.

Note to DRs

- I. Attend all the meetings. It's a part of the core duties. There are some excused and non-excused absences allowed.
- II. A tracking system will be designed to track the attendance and volunteering hours of each DR.
- III. 4 hours of volunteering per term is mandatory.
- IV. The DRs can shuffle/change their committees. A priority list can be made by them.
- V. Since some DRs are now exec board members, there are a few vacancies. Elections should be held in the 1st and 2nd weeks of February.

Trainings

- I. GSA Training
 - i) Do be done by the exec board members. To be held on 1st and 8th February. 13:30-14:30.
- II. Alcohol Training
 - i) All EGSC members to undergo alcohol training on Friday from Noon-1 in order to get alcohol trained for the socials.
 - ii) If you're already trained in the last sem? Good to go for a year.

External Committees

- I. Student Health affairs committee
- II. Student Library affairs committee (Ashritha)
 - i) Attended meeting on November 16th, 2018.
 - ii) Planning to have more stress buster activities.
 - iii) More workshops on Mindfulness and avoiding procrastination.
 - iv) Last semester had a dogs therapy session. Dogs were brought in to the library. Location to be changed as per convenience.
 - v) Revitalization of the Watson library.
 - vi) Columbia Business School planning to shift from morningside campus to manhattanville campus cos' of more space. Timeline is undecided as of now.
 - vii) Issue: About no wheel chair access to Uris.
 - viii) Issue: No space for individuals since it's more like an open-group discussion library.
 - ix) Issue (Ashish): During exams people reserve seats for hours and it's almost never empty that way. There should be a system to avoid reservation of seats unnecessarily.
 - x) Night café at Uris is good. To have more of these will help.
 - xi) More 24*7 cafes is good idea because almost all cafes are closed on weekends.

Interschool Governing Board (Mark)

- I. Last semester, there was a meeting towards the end.
 - i) They have two vacancies in positions on the board for EGSC, and the outreach coordinator spot is also open.
 - ii) They are hoping to encourage organizations to host events that can cater to more diverse crowds, such as students with children.
- II. Looking to fund groups.
- III. 2 spots open for IGB delegates. They're interviewing. Call NOW!
- IV. Director of outreach is fixing the website on IGB.

Office of University Life (Brittany)

- I. Hired a data analyst for the quality of life survey. Any volunteers?
- II. QOL survey is held every year, the data will be analyzed, deans come in and VP will present results, takes questions.
- III. It involves gender breakdown data analysis as the 1st priority.
- IV. It can be a part of the General affairs committees.

Union Bargaining election committee

- I. Open to all.
- II. Vote! February 6th and 7th at Philosophy Hall.
- III. Fill out the bargaining survey.
- IV. Eligibility of voters? – Worked for 1 academic year. CA, TA, RA. No need to be employed right now.
- V. SEAS has 2 spots in the committee. 1 spot vacant.
- VI. PhD people should vote. It's very important. Meetings held every Tuesday, 18:00-19:00.
- VII. You need to have a signed card to vote. Getting a signed card only takes 10 seconds. So please vote.
- VIII. Bargaining should start before the end of this term.
- IX. All student groups can take part too.

Miscellaneous

- Representatives from food bank will be here next week about food and security talks. Ask others students in the departments for questions or suggestions.
- Issue (By Ashish): CS TA rooms are over-crowded. Impossible to hear anything.
- Issue (By Ashish): Not all courses have given access to the video lectures. Could we have them?
 - Michael: Only some rooms have CVN. It's on the professors. They choose to the videos to be made available to the students or not.
- EGSC will participate in PhD open houses. Talking and spending time there would help.