

EGSA Meeting Minutes

January 10th, 2011

5:00 PM, 504 ASI

In attendance:

Tim Ciarlo

Maggie Douglas

Ian Grettenberger

Becky Heinig

Holly Holt

Beth Irwin

Jessica Richards

Dan Schmehl

Jason Smith

Sheena Sidhu

Salil Siriwat

Gabe Villar

Committee Reports:

Next Semester Meeting:

Thanks for participating in the Doodle poll. Next semester's meeting will be on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 PM and alternate between ASI and CEL.

Recruitment Weekend:

This year it will be on January 27-29, 2011. Currently 14 prospective students will be coming. Sheena and Tom need volunteers for airport pickup. A sign up sheet for breakfast, lunch and dinner with the prospective students will be sent via email. (No significant others are allowed to join in, sorry). Gift bags will be prepared by EGSA officers. Luckily this year the housing fair will be on the same weekend. In addition to searching the market, we would also like to have a little open apartment/townhouse for the prospective students so that they could have a feel for the place. If you would like to open your apartment/townhouse, please tell Sheena: cks151@psu.edu or Tom: tgb134@psu.edu. Stay tuned with their emails.

Activities:

This month or next month's activity will be snow tubing at Tussey. Look out for more information and polls to participate in.

In March, Christy will be hosting the annual Wine Tasting Party. Watch out for her emails!

Frontiers class:

Becky and Gabe will be head of discussion for the improvement of Frontiers class. They would need thoughts on the course from students who have taken it. Participation is encouraged.

Critter care:

Thank you volunteers in keeping our critters happy. Weekly care is signed up till March. Check the calendar <http://ento.psu.edu/graduatestudents/egsa/calendar> to see which week you have signed up for. Beth will also send out a reminder. For those who would like to volunteer, please send the week you like to any EGSA officer.

Recruitment through Huck Institute:

Gary wants the students' thoughts on the recruitment of new graduates by Huck Institute. They want to include our department in their new recruitment scheme. This would be a pooled

assistantship. In the 1st year students recruited will rotate through the departments involved and choose the department of their interest. The selection process will be done by the institute as a group. Details are not clear and we may have to invite Gary to explain this in our future meetings.

Snacks for next meeting:

If you would like to bring snacks for the next meeting, please email the officers. It can be cookies, brownies, popcorn, crackers, etc.

Next EGSA meetings:

February 7th: 4:30-5:30 PM CEL conference room

March 7th: 4:30-5:30 PM 504 ASI

April 4th: 4:30-5:30 PM CEL conference room

May 2nd : 4:30-5:30 PM 504 ASI

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Salil Siriwat