

## EGSA Meeting Minutes

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
5:00 PM, 504 ASI

### **In attendance:**

Naworaj Acharya  
Tim Ciarlo  
Megan Greischar  
Ian Grettenberger  
Sean Halloran  
Becky Heinig  
Holly Holt

Beth Irwin  
Kerry Mauck  
Dan Schmehl  
Jason Smith  
Sheena Sidhu  
Salil Siriwat  
Gabe Villar

### **Committee Reports:**

#### ***Recruitment weekend feedback:***

Sheena thanks everyone for helping out with the recruitment weekend.

Comments and suggestions for the weekend were discussed.

It would be better if we could match the names with faces before the recruits arrived.

*Apartment tours:* 1-2 recruits appreciate volunteers to open their apartments.

*Housing fair:* most were for undergraduates.

A list of area where current graduate are living in or have lived in would be beneficial for both prospective and current students. Ian has volunteered to create this and will be on the EGSA website)

*Eating events:* may reduce current grad student number to cut cost.

Allen street grill is too expensive.

Tom Baker's cater had too much food left over: Liked the idea of getting food and talk to others, not staying at the same table.

Pizza lunch with significant other involves personal life of current grads. 2 hours is quite good

May be change chili cook off to Saturday.

Next year, if you're interested in organizing recruitment weekend, you'll be coordinating with Tom Bentley.

#### ***Updates on Frontiers: (Core classes)***

Becky organized a group discussion. Please reply to Jason's email on the topic (questions are below). Then we'll arrange a talk with Gary.

Please review the questions below and reply in a couple days:

1. What should the fall core course look like?
2. Should Frontiers be transformed into a core course? How and what should be done?
3. Anything else regarding Frontiers?

#### ***Critter care:***

Needs volunteer for the week of spring break and some weeks in March. Please check the calendar <http://ento.psu.edu/graduatestudents/egsa/calendar> to see which week you can volunteer for. For those who would like to volunteer, please send the week you like to any EGSA officer.

Thanks

***Fall / spring Seminar Speakers:***

Nancy Ostiguy is organizing. Fall has a couple dates left and spring is free. If you have any suggestions for speakers please email Jason, [jds517@psu.edu](mailto:jds517@psu.edu)

***Meetings:***

4:30-5:30PM First Monday of the month and March 7<sup>th</sup> is Spring break. Asked for a show of hands and most will be here. Holly can't make it

***Activities:***

Feb: Snowtubing at Tussey mountain will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5 PM

Sign up for carpools [here](#)

Mar: Wine tasting at Christy's place, not sure on the date.

Sheena suggested: Maple harvest festival at Shaver's creek 26-27<sup>th</sup> March

Apr: Pancake/Game night: Dan and Kerry will be hosting

May: Ethnic food potluck at ASI

***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:***

March 7<sup>th</sup>: 4:30-5:30 PM 504 ASI

April 4<sup>th</sup>: 4:30-5:30 PM CEL conference room

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: 4:30-5:30 PM 504 ASI

*Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.*

*Salil Siriwat*