# Engineering Graduate Student Organization

# Meeting Agenda

## September 11, 2019

## 5:30 PM

Type of Meeting: Full Officer Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Trevor Sleight

Invitees: All 2019 EGSO Officers

Call to order called to order at 5:32pm by Trevor

Approval of minutes from last meeting meeting minutes approved

Old business

EGSO Re-Registration has been submitted to SORC

Position Updates

* President – Status of Re-Registration and the Constitution
  + EGSO has been successfully Re-Registered with SORC.
  + Details about bank account in the constitution
  + International Rep resigned, will need to recruit a replacement.
  + Mentorship Program 🡪 we will need some people to recruit more mentors for the program
    - We will probably close mentor registration after two weeks
    - Currently roughly 1:2 for mentors: mentees
* VP Updates
  + Wellness
    - Pitt Rec courses
      * Options: Butts and Guts, Vinyasa Yoga, Zumba, Grounding Yoga, Cycling, Bootcamp, Swimming, Kickboxing, Cycling, Grit, PiYo, Pitt HITT, Foundations of Fitness, Tai Chi, POUND, Barre, Turbokick
      * Cost: $50 if booked before Oct 1 (otherwise $100)
        + Can be at Petersen or at WPU (reserve rooms)
      * Proposal:
        + Date Ranges: Sep 24-26, Oct 22-25, Nov 5-15, Nov 25-06
        + Yoga ($12/yoga mat)
        + Bootcamp/Foundations of Fitness:
      * Raffle out free classes
    - Coffee(?) & meditate sessions to be set up
    - Self-Defense course scheduled at WPU Oct 7
    - Plans to schedule two events for fall
  + GPSG meeting
    - Assembly board will be voting on budget in September meeting (show budget)
      * Travel grants & supplemental funds!
      * Can use this extra money to upgrade future events
      * Next event 6-7 on 23 September (WPU 837)
  + Old EGSO swag
    - Glass water bottles 🡪 should we use for volunteering event? For inter-departmental kickball?
* Secretary send updates to the secretary with “wire” somewhere in the subject line – simplifies compilation of EGSO-Wire
* Treasurer – couldn’t make it
* PD Officer
  + Creative Center Event:
    - Theme: Transition from academia to industry.
    - - Invite 4-5 alumni who have started working in the industry. Brief introduction.
    - - Introduce equipment available in the makers space. Creative avatar to introduce themselves (have different stations). This shall be a good ice-breaker. Eg. Making a car with modelling clay as a badge, if the person loves cars. Basically, something that describes the person best.
    - - Start with the panel discussion - their engineering major, how did they prepare to move, how to get internship, how is the industry culture different, so on.
    - - Open to questions and networking. Food provided.
    - - Expecting ~ 30 participants.
* Event Coordinators – Ayush
  + Recommendations for Happy Hours Venue   
    (Assumptions for preparation: 100+ Members, limited appetizers, One or Two welcome Drinks, Ice-breaking Games)
    - * BMES had a “Welcome” happy hour at Thirsty Scholar; what should we go for?
    - Schenley Park Visitors Center  -- save this one for spring
    - The Porch at Schenley
    - Mario's – Oakland – go for this for end of semester happy hour
    - Tequila Cowboys
    - Suggestions
  + Abdul
    - Went to the involvement fair, saw that there were a lot of individuals requested for events
    - Would like to use EGSO to promote this event
* Outreach
* GSA Rep
  + Department updates:
  + Many depts have hosted / are hosting welcome-back events for current and new students!
    - ECE with a barbecue and an upcoming game night
    - CEE and ChemE with an upcoming picnic
    - BioE and IE with a happy hour
    - MEMS with happy hours around the time of seminar
  + CEE will not be SORC recognized for now, but is being established as a GSA
    - Civil has formed their own GSA; currently not SORC funded but is just in process of being founded. Details to follow
  + Travel Grants
    - Discussion and vote on allocation of funds (\*\*\*THE ALLOCATIONS WILL SHIFT WHEN WE HAVE ECE’S NUMBERS\*\*\*)
    - No department yet has conference stats; attendance breakdown for all would help to determine how to distribute allocation
    - BIOE is trying to alleviate issues that came up with travel grant funding/applications 🡪 more deadline applications, with an improved timeline
      * Processed as a reimbursement; could also be processed as an award, so the student would be recognized through EGSO and the money could be used more freely and is easier to distribute (i.e. in paycheck)
      * If each department can get their program under the same format, it can help streamline the travel grant application process

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|  | Masters | PhD | Other (dual degree) | Total Students | Allocation ($) |
| MEMS | 128 | 92 |  | **220** | 1000 |
| BioE | 34 | 152 | 7 | **193** | 800 |
| CEE | 72 | 49 |  | **121** | 800 |
| ChE | 12 | 79 | 8 | **99** | 800 |
| IE | 45 | 32 |  | **77** | 600 |
| ECE |  |  |  |  | 600 |
|  |  |  | Total Budget: | | 4600 |

* Brief discussion of BioE Travel Grant program and how to coordinate with EGSO Travel Grant program:
  + <https://www.engineering.pitt.edu/bioe-grad-travel-grant/>
* Communications
  + Wellness event: personal training metric baseline event
  + Help establish your baseline fitness
    - Good thing to get going in January with a big baseline health event
    - Then you can review the data, meet with a personal training, and use it to help guide your new year’s resolution
    - Any personal trainers expected are to be paid at personal expense; decent cost if they just pay themselves

Discussions

Ethics-based movie night (October 16th – global ethics day)

EGSO would at least host the movie; details to be cleared up in the near future

Probably will have to promote their ethics events, they will also promote ours

* Put out survey soliciting for interest in run club/ when to do it/ who would be interested in doing it

Adjournment Trevor adjourns meeting at 6:31pm