

Florida International University
Chemistry Graduate Students Organization
General Meeting
January 27, 2006
Chemistry Conference Room
MINUTES – Prepared by Maiko Kusano

Members Present

Ben Naes, Megan Bottegal, Maiko Kusano, Michael Macias, Sandra Garcia, Carla Turner, Hanh Lai, Patricia Guerra, Davia Hudson, Thao Dang, JoNell Aarons, Xi Chen, Josh Cloutier, Monica Joshi

2:18 p.m. meeting called to order by Josh.

1. Announcements

- a. GSA Scholarly Forum has been postponed to March 8th. Abstract submission by February 22nd for the presentation. There will be separate poster and presentation competitions.
- b. Graduate Student Appreciation week: March 6th ~ March 11th.
 - GSA needs ideas for this week
 - Saturday March 11th – FL Panthers game \$10 nosebleed tickets

2. New GSA point system

- a. The new point system has been enacted by the GSA starting this semester.
 - A minimum of 15 points is needed to be eligible for applying for conference/research funding from the GSA.
 - Points for events
 - Scholarly Forum (presenting) – 15
 - Gradsellers – 5
 - Event volunteers – 5
 - GSA meetings – 3
 - CES workshops – 7
 - GSO events, including GSO meetings – 2
 - Committees – 10
 - Bonus points – 2

3. Elections

- a. Elections will be held at next month's GSO meeting. More information to follow. Think about running if you are interested!

4. New e-mail system

- a. FIU webmail will not be accessible until Monday, January 30th starting at 5pm on Friday, January 27, 2006. The new e-mail system will go live on Monday.

5. Budget

- a. We received \$385 for this semester (Spring 06)

- b. We now have a total of \$514.79, which includes the money that rolled over from last semester. This money must be spent this semester since it will not roll over to next semester.
 - Department group photo! We can hire a photographer to take our department group photograph.
- 6. Other events**
- a. Movie night: potential date Wednesday, February 15th.
We need to select a movie – any suggestions? Location either in WC or GC140.
 - b. Department poster contest
 - This will be a good chance to get know what other graduate students in the department are doing, as well as for the new graduate students to see what kind of research is going on in different research groups.
 - We will try to have the poster contest around April.
 - c. T-shirts!!! We need designs ASAP.
 - d. Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser
 - Send candy grams to friends, professors, TAs, sweethearts
 - Candy gram committee – Chair: Hanh Lai
 - Wrap on Monday, February 13th, and send out on Feb. 14th.
- 7. Open Discussion**
- a. Carla – Intramural soccer on Sunday, Feb. 12. Come watch and cheer, or if you're interested in playing, contact Carla.

Meeting adjourned by Josh at 2:58 p.m.